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KING GEORGE AND THE LEADERS OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

INVITATION TO DINE AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, March 15th.

ROYALTY AND THE LABOUR PARTY.

Times are rapidly changing in this country of age-long tradition and social customs. Labour is coming into its political kingdom as one of the great parties in the State. One of the significant indications of the trend of events is the invitation by the King to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, and some other leading members of the Party to a private dinner at Buckingham Palace. There has been a good deal of comment about this, some of it very wide of the mark. The plain fact is that the King, as the head of the Constitution, knows no political divisions, and the invitation is sent to the Opposition leaders just as a similar invitation would have been issued to Liberals or Conservatives if it had happened that they were filling the rôle in Parliament at the present time.

The invitation was sent some weeks ago, but the fact has only now leaked out. When it was received, the Labour men held a little conference to decide what their attitude should be; and it was then decided that it was their loyal duty to accept His Majesty's command. The Labour Members are quite open and frank in saying that they will at all times be as scrupulous and attentive as any other party in the State in observing the rules of the Constitution and in obeying the King's commands. This is how a prominent Labour M.P., expressed it a few days ago in the course of conversation.

A NOTABLE DINNER PARTY. Meanwhile, some of the Labour Members and their wives have had the honour of meeting the King and Queen at a dinner party given by Lord and Lady Astor at their town house in St. James's Square, S.W. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clynnes, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Snowden. The dinner was served at two oval tables decorated with orange coloured tulips. The company numbered about 45, and included some of the most distinguished people in London Society. Others present, in addition to the Labour M.P.s and their wives were the Mayor and Mayoress of Plymouth (the constituency that Lady Astor represents in Parliament), Mrs. Wintingham (Lady Astor's fellow woman M.P.), Mr. J. C. Garvin (Editor of the Observer) with Mrs. Garvin, and Mr. Geoffrey Dawson (Editor of the Times), and Mrs. Dawson.

All things considered, it is pretty evident that the new attitude towards Labour is a case of "coming events cast their shadow before." It is only a question of time—probably a few years at most—before Labour is in Parliament by the votes of the people as His Majesty's Government. There are worthy folk here who willfully refuse to recognise that fact, and they are supported in their views by what they read in certain organs of the Press, but it is surely the height of folly not to accept the inevitable and prepare to deal with it in a practical manner.

PRINCESS MARY'S BIRTH.

There is a pleasant family touch about the baptismal names of Princess Mary's infant son. In George Henry Hubert we have the Christian names of the child's Royal grandfather, his father, and his paternal grandfather. It is a change from the Leopolds, Alberts, Victors, Christians, etc., smacking of Teutonic influence, which was the fashion in Queen Victoria's day.

The Marquis of Clanricarde from whom the third name is derived died seven years ago, and the gross value of his estate was £2,500,000. His fortune came to the Royal baby's father, Viscount Lascelles. Lord Clanricarde, whose mother was a daughter of George Canning, never married, and at his death the marquise and other titles lapsed, but the earldom passed to his cousin, the Marquis of Sligo.

For a good many years Clanricarde was in the full glare of publicity as the sternest and most uncompromising member of the Irish landlord class. He fought the Nationalists on the land question, and even refused to sell his estates when the Wyndham Act offered him inducements to do so. At one time he was probably the most hated man from the Land League point of view. For years he lived in London, almost as a recluse and certainly as a miser. His clothes were so shabby that his appearance attracted attention in the street, and he generally ate his lunch out of a paper bag.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

Saturday last, March 10th, was the 60th anniversary of the marriage of Queen Alexandra with the late King Edward. Many interesting articles have appeared in the newspapers about that happy event, all of them bearing witness to the affectionate regard in which the venerable lady is held. Letters and telegrams arrived at Marlborough House from all parts of the country and from all parts of the world. It is remarkable that a considerable number of these congratulatory messages were from poor women, chiefly residents of London. I have heard it said—with perfect truth, I believe—that Queen Alexandra has quite unconsciously influenced the lives of large numbers of her sex for two generations by her grace and charm. She has represented a figure of sweetness and the joy of living, although far removed from the mean streets of this great city.

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COLONIZATION IN SOVIET RUSSIA.

THE "CALIFORNIAN" COMMUNE.

Moscow, March 4th.

The frequent applications received by the Soviet Government from all over the world prove that the attention of adventurous men and women is being attracted by the wide, uncultivated, tracts of land in Soviet Russia. Their hopes are roused by the assurance that the energy devoted by the proletarian pioneer to the development of these virgin lands will receive encouragement from the Soviet Government.

LAND AND GOODWILL.

At present Russia can give the immigrant pioneer land. It can also offer him goodwill—but little else. Working men from other countries have come into Russia during the past year, but so far they have come mostly to give, and not to receive. They have come to offer their Western efficiency and Western technical skill to help to rebuild Russia's shattered industries and her stricken agriculture. This aid the Soviet Government welcomes; it also appreciates the value to Russia of the example of modern agricultural methods applied to the development of uncultivated land. It looks forward to the possibility of itself giving assistance to foreign working-class economic organizations and to working-class political refugees. On such motives was based the proposal of a grant of land to the Italian Co-operative Societies; and the arrangements made for the return of the Canadian Dukhobors to their land of origin had the same end in view.

A 2,700 ACRE GRANT.

A land concession of this kind was recently granted to an American guild of agricultural workers called the "Californian Commune," consisting of 1,000 desiatinas (about 2,700 acres) of land in Salek district of the Don region. The concession is for a term of twenty-four years, and the Commune undertakes to employ modern agricultural methods for developing the full capacity of the leased lands. One half of the land must be broken up and prepared for sowing in the current year, and the remainder in the following year. Payment of rent will not be demanded until the end of three years, when it will amount to five per cent. of the total crop.

A JEWISH ORGANISATION.

A concession of a slightly different nature was the one recently granted to the Jewish colonizing society, "Ezra." The object of this agreement is not that the society should itself engage in agriculture, but that it should assist by finance and credits Jewish cultivators already working in Russia. It will import agricultural machinery, live-stock, and farm material generally for supplying the existing Jewish land colonies in Russia, White Russia, and the Ukraine on credit. The society also undertakes to offer like assistance to the Jewish handicrafts by supplying them with tools, machines, raw materials, and so on. Assistance will also be given to revive and develop the Jewish trade and agricultural schools. The activities of the society will be supervised by a committee consisting of two of its own representatives, two from the Government, and one other appointed by both sides jointly.

FOR FOREIGN SETTLERS.

Recently the Council of People's Commissaries of the Soviet Union decided to set aside 200,000 desiatinas of land (about 500,000 acres) in the south of Russia and in the Volga district as a land reserve to be granted in the form of concessions to working-class settlers from foreign countries. This Russia can do, but it cannot itself provide the wherewithal for the development of these lands. The immigrant himself must bring with him all that is necessary by way of tools and agricultural machinery for the transformation of virgin soil into fertile land, and sufficient funds to maintain himself and his family during the process.

In spite of her 78 years, Queen Alexandra makes it a rule that everyone who writes to her shall receive a reply, always in her own hand to her intimate friends and to those who have been in any way associated with her. She lives quietly in Marlborough House, which is a place of memories in these days of strange contrast to the gaily active scenes that were to be witnessed there for so many years when the late King was Prince of Wales.

LADY ASTOR'S BILL.

Lady Astor's Bill in Parliament to prohibit the sale of beer in a public-house to anyone under the age of 18 passed the second reading, but it is considered unlikely that it will find a place on the Statute Book. The Government refuse to give it facilities, which is another way of saying that no further time will be allowed for its discussion. Although Lady Astor disclaimed any connection with the Pussycot propagandists, public opinion is not satisfied. The Bill is held to be the "thin edge of the wedge." All the fanatical teetotal cranks behind the lady, and that is quite enough for the average citizen to perceive what this move means. The fanatics regard the Bill as a welcome step towards total Prohibition.

But, even assuming that Lady Astor is not allied with the extreme teetotalers, the chief objection to her Bill is that it provides a glaring example of class legislation. The boy of seventeen who belongs to the wealthier classes would be able to get as much of the national beverage at home as his elders thought desirable to give him, while the boy of the same age not so fortunately placed would be unable to get any at all. Apart from that, moderate people ask what is wrong with beer as a drink? It has been the national drink for well-nigh a thousand years, and, on the whole, we have not done so badly compared with, say, the strictly teetotal Hindoo.—H.B.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countermanded by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LTN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1923. [686]

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countermanded by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1923. [693]

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:

From
Gibson ... Shanghai
Mahani ... Hamburg
Petersson ... Shanghai
Mahlkron, c/o Pebszeitung, ... Shanghai
Nampohong (R) ... Kobe
Yee ...
Kagilo Co., 25, Queen's Road Central, ... Amoy
Hualsheng ... Fingon ... Shanghai
Hotel ...
Chenksayson, 26, Bonham West ... Nice
Mr. Yip Kwongching, cbeung, Sheungwan ... Shanghai
2333 ... Shanghai

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:

From
5102/5th ... Capt. Walker Lums, King Edward Hotel ... Macao
3688/13th ... Mrs. Fowles, Hongkong Hotel ... Shanghai
377/2nd ... (Transmitted from Singapore, Frank Baylson, Steamer Rinda, Shanghai)
2810/14th ... Fred R. Elise, American Consul ... San Francisco
3688/14th ... Kaitlyn O'Connell, New York
4525/5th ... Kabala, c/o Mirokhan Head Post Clerk, Bombay
6745/6th ... Lido ... Haiphong
31533/10th ... Luke Pasenger, Em ... of Asia, c/o ... Batavia
39125/18th ... Marjorie Bruce ... Singapore

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9th February, 1923. [635]

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hongkong—15th April, 1923, 2nd Sunday after Easter.
Holy Communion (9 a.m.), Children's Service (10 a.m.); Hymns 311, 331, 281; Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Feril; Venite, Farrant (10); Psalms, 121, 122, 123; Psalms; To Beum, Woodward, Smart, Turle; Benediction; Barby; Hymns, 489, 508.
N.B.—Psalms 121, verses 1, 2, 5, 6 in unison.
Psalms 122, verses 3, 4, 9 in unison.
Psalms 123, verses 1, 2 in unison.
Hymn 439, verses 1, 2, 3 in unison.
Hymn 489, verses 1, 2, 3 in unison.
Holy Communion (12 noon); Evensong (6 p.m.); Responses, Feril; Psalms, 66, Garrett; Magnificat, Smart; Nunc Dimittis, Wesley; Hymns, 477, 280, 138.
N.B.—Psalms 66, verses 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 14 in unison.
Hymn 477, verses 1, 2, in unison.
Hymn 280, verses 1, 4, 8 in unison.
Hymn 138, verses 1, 4, in unison. [115]

Union Church (Kennedy Road)—Sunday Services, April 15th: Morning Service at 11 a.m. Hymns 126, 25, 79, 183, 340. Subject: "A Certain Man." Evening Service at 8 o'clock. Hymns: 54, 521, 271, 450, 238. Preacher at both Services: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

Friday, at 8.30—Christian Endeavour Meeting and Social Hour. [113]

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCOTCH—MacDonnell Road, below Bowen Road, Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.45 p.m. [119]

"ON A CHINESE SCREEN."

MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S SKETCHES.

Much comment and discussion has been caused in Peking by Mr. Somerset Maugham's Chinese sketches called "On a Chinese Screen." We give below the first part of "Dinner parties" which the author when in Peking denied was drawn from life, but which others declare are easily recognized persons:

DINNER PARTIES IN LEGATION QUARTER.

The Swiss director of the Banque Sino-Argentine was announced. He came with a large, handsome wife, who displayed her opulent charms so generously that it made you a little nervous. It was said that she had been a cocotte, and an English maiden lady (in salmon pink satin and beads) who had come early, greeted her with a thin and frigid smile. The Minister of Guatemala and the Charge d'Affaires of Montenegro entered together. The Charge d'Affaires was in a state of extreme agitation; he had not understood that it was an official function, he thought he had been asked to dine en petit, and he had not put on his order. And there was the Minister of Guatemala blazing with stars! What in heaven's name was to be done? The emotion caused by what for a moment seemed almost a diplomatic incident was diverted by the appearance of two Chinese servants in long silk robes and four-sided hats with cocktails and zakouski. Then a Russian princess entered. She had white hair and a black silk dress up by her neck. She looked like the heroine of a play by Victorien Sardou who had outlived the melodramatic fury of her youth and now did crochet. She was infinitely bored when you spoke to her of Tolstoi or Chekov; but grew animated when she talked of Jack London. She put a question to the maiden lady which the maiden lady, though no longer young, had no answer for.

"Why," she asked, "do you English write such silly books about Russia?" But then the first secretary of the British Legation appeared. He gave his entrance the significance of an event. He was very tall, baldish but elegant, and he was beautifully dressed; he looked with polite astonishment at the dazzling orders of the Minister of Guatemala. The Charge d'Affaires of Montenegro, who flattered himself that he was the best dressed man in the diplomatic body, but was not quite sure whether the first secretary of the British Legation thought him so, fluttered up to him to ask his candid opinion of the frilled shirt he wore. The Englishman placed a gold-rimmed glass in his eye and looked at it for a moment gravely; then he paid the other a devastating compliment. Every one had come by now but the wife of the French Military Attaché. They said she was always late.

"Elle est insupportable," said the handsome wife of the Swiss banker. But at last, magnificently indifferent to the fact that she had kept everyone waiting for half an hour, she swam into the room. She was tall on her outrageously high heels, extremely thin, and she wore a dress that gave you the impression that she had nothing on at all. Her hair was bobbed and blonde, and she was boldly painted. She looked like a post-impressionist's idea of patient Griselda. When she moved the air was heavy with exotic odours. She gave the Minister of Guatemala a jewelled, emaciated hand to kiss; with a few smiling words, made the banker's wife feel passed, provincial, and poorly; flung an improper jest at the English lady whose embarrassment was mitigated by the knowledge that the wife of the French Military Attaché was free to see; and drank three cocktails in rapid succession.

Dinner was served. The conversation varied from a resonant, rolling French to a somewhat halting English. They talked of this Minister who had just written from Bucharest or Lima, and that Counsellor's wife who found it so dull in Christiania or so expensive in Washington. On the whole it made little difference to them in what capital they found themselves, for they did precisely the same things in Constantinople, Bern, Stockholm and Peking. Entrenched within their diplomatic privileges and supported by a lively sense of their social consequence, they dwelt in a world in which Copernicus had never existed, for to them sun and stars circled obsequiously round this earth of ours, and they were its centre. No one knew why the English lady was there and the wife of the Swiss director said privately that she was without doubt a German spy. But she was an authority on the country. She told you that the Chinese had such perfect manners and you really should have known the Empress Dowager; she was a perfect darling. You knew very well that in Constantinople she should have assured you that the Turks were such perfect gentlemen and the Sultana Fatima was a perfect dear and spoke such wonderful French. Homeless, she was at home wherever her country had a diplomatic representative.

The first secretary of the British Legation thought the party rather mixed. He spoke French more like a Frenchman than any Frenchman who ever lived. He was a man of taste, and he had a natural aptitude for being right. He only knew the right people and only read the right books; he admired none but the right music and cared for none but the right pictures; he bought his clothes at the right tailor's and his shirts from the only possibly haberdasher. You listened to him with stupefaction. Presently you wished with all your heart that he would confess to a liking for something just a little vulgar; you would have felt more at your ease if only with bold idiosyncrasy he had claimed that The Soul's Awakening was a work of art or The Sonny a masterpiece. But his taste was faultless. He was perfect, and you were half afraid that he knew it, for in repose (Continued at foot of next column.)

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

HONGKONG, Friday, April 13th.

Since our last Report of the 6th April, the market has continued active and a fair volume of business has been put through. In almost all instances prices show a moderate advance and at the close there is a good demand for most stocks.

The Shanghai market is steady and prices show little change.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been in strong demand and with only a few sales reported the price was jumped to \$1,130. The latest cable quotation from London is £131 10s. 0d. (middle).

MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCES.—Cantons have again stiffened and are saleable at \$623. Hongkong Fire has advanced to \$403. Unions have advanced to \$230. China Fire is a shade better and could be placed at \$117. North China are wanted at Tls. 138. Yangtze at \$28 have remained stationary.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamships have been taken off the market up to \$40 and continue in request. Douglas Steamships after sales at \$38 have improved to a buying rate of \$39. Star Forries were booked at \$31, but have since lapsed to a nominal quotation. Deferred Index at \$230 continue neglected.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars firmed up during the week to \$245, but the demand appears to have slackened at the close. Melabona could probably be placed at \$64.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves closed off to \$170, but the market has since recovered, and buyers are offering \$175 without bringing out any sellers. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been dealt in up to \$108. Shanghai Docks have been negotiated at the improved price of Tls. 102. Near Engineering have been bought at Tls. 8/8. Hongkong Wharves are asked for at Tls. 206.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have remained fairly steady with sales made at \$415 to \$420. Humphreys Estates have had a sharp rise to \$27 on account of the sale of some of their property on the mainland. Hongkong Hotels have been in strong demand and have been done up to \$31. The New shares have been taken at \$30. Central Estates have appreciated to \$470. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$78. Land Reclamations at \$103 have not moved.

OLDS AND MINING.—Deals have been made in shell transports at 88/- and they are wanted at the close at 85/-. Langkats have been booked at Tls. 23/- and continue in request. There are buyers of Railans at 33/- Rauba at \$6, Trochols at 25/- and Benguels at P.33. Ural Caspians at 12/3 are lifeless.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—China Lights have strengthened and have been placed at \$13.75 and \$13.25 for the Old and New shares respectively. Hongkong Electric (Old) have spurred to \$32 and the New shares to \$32. Transvaals have been effected in Hongkong Trams at \$21 1/2 to \$21 1/2, and they close with buyers at \$20.85 ex the final dividend of 2/- just paid.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos are firmer and have been placed to a fair extent at Tls. 14.80/15. Orientals have been done at Tls. 8 and there are more enquiries at this rate. Shanghai Cottons are obtainable at Tls. 110.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have changed hands at \$23. Dairy Farms have been put through at 242/25. Green Island Cements after being offered at \$272 came into strong demand and were bought up to \$23. Hongkong Ropes have firmed up to \$23. Watsons mark a further rise and are wanted at \$18.10. Lane Canteens are weak and have been sold at \$10. There are buyers of Peak Trams at \$10. Union Waterboats at \$16. Wm. Powells at \$18. Canton Ice at \$24 and Engineering Construction at \$4.

FORWARD SETTLEMENT DAYS.—26th April (Thursday), 28th May (Monday), and 20th June (Tuesday), 1923.

EXCHANGE.—The T.T. selling rate on London to-day is 2/3 and on Shanghai 73.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 13th, 1923.

Hongkong and Shanghai	\$1,130 a.
Banks	625 b.
Canton Insurances	250 b.
Union Insurances	61 b.
Douglas Steamships	244 b.
China Sugars	248 b.
Langkats (Combined)	Tls. 23 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$ 176 b.
Whampoa Docks	1064 b.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 102 b.
Hongkong Wharves	207 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$ 416 b.
Central Estates	460 b.
Hongkong Hotels	304 sa.
Humphreys Estates	27 b.
Ewo Cotton Mills	Tls. 14.80 b.
Cements	\$ 29 b.
Hongkong Ropes	43 b.
China Providents	32 b.
Dairy Farms	25 a.
Waterboats	16 b.
Watsons	184 b.
Hongkong Electric	34 b.
China Lights	13.70 b.
Hongkong Trams	20.85 b.
Peak Tramways	104 b.
b.—buyers; a.—sellers; sa.—sales.	

his face had the look of one who bears an intolerable burden. And then you discovered that he wrote verbatim. You breathed again.

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NOTICE.

ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS I HAVE THIS DAY TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVE IN CHINA OF VICKERS LIMITED AND ALLIED COMPANIES FROM MR. H. BEAUMONT DONALDSON AND HAVE REMOVED THEIR OFFICES TO OUR PREMISES AT 19, GAN MIEN HUTUNG, EAST CITY, PEKING, TO WHICH ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., RELATING TO BUSINESS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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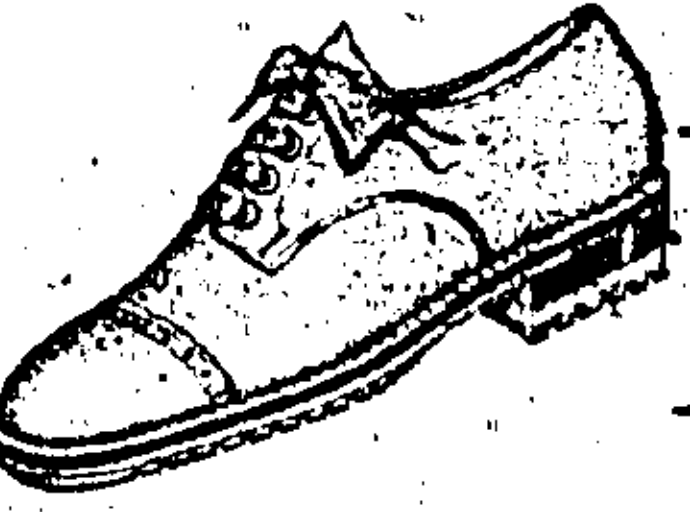
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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A CHINESE ARSENAL

BREAKING UP OLD SHELLS TO SELL
 120 MEN FEARFULLY BURNED
 73 ALREADY DEAD.

Writing from Anking (Anhwei province) on March 31st, a correspondent of the N.C. Daily News said—

Apparently every one of the 120 or more men employed in the new arsenal outside the east gate of the city was either killed or very badly burned in the terrific explosion which occurred this afternoon. Not a single man in this recently opened munition plant seems to have escaped without injury. Of the 50 or 60 men who have arrived at the St. James's Hospital here none are able to give any account of what happened, in fact most of them are burned beyond any possibility of identification except by the few shreds of charred garments that hung to some of them. In many cases skin as well as clothing was burned completely from their bodies.

The long line of spectral forms blackened and bleeding, rising riskles through the narrow streets, which began to arrive at the compound gate about two o'clock, was the first intimation that the hospital had of the accident. The whole staff of doctors and nurses as well as other foreigners set to work at once, but in spite of every means employed already 17 have died.

Twenty or 30 men crazed with the pain of their burns flung themselves into the river and were drowned. The rest lie buried under the debris of bricks, mortar and exploded shells of the old fort.

This catastrophe is the first fruits of the return of the military to Anking. The picturesque old deserted fort has stood for years with its rusting cannon and crumbling vine-covered walls testifying to the peaceful atmosphere the city has enjoyed since it ceased to be the military capital of the province. This delightful quiet spot surrounded by open fields, the objective of many a pleasant afternoon walk, was only recently spoken of as an ideal site for the tuberculosis sanatorium so badly needed by the people of this place.

During the past month this old fort has been filled up with munitions of different kinds and with crude machinery for making more, apparently under the direction of inexperienced foreigners. Various accounts are given of the explosion; one, that in testing a new kind of powder a shell was exploded; another, that some fuse carelessly left lying about caught fire from a lighted cigarette; another, that in breaking up an old cannon for scrap-iron it unexpectedly went off, the shell penetrating the walls of the powder magazine; and still another, that unskilled workmen employed in attaching fuses to loaded shells accidentally exploded one which set off the whole dump. However, it will probably never be known just how it happened.

This tragedy in a remote part of the country among an innocent and peace-loving people marks another phase in the sad story of the military occupation of China.

ACCIDENT EXPLAINED.
 April 1st.
 Since writing yesterday of the explosion here some additional facts have come to light.

It now appears that the resourceful military governor who arrived here a month ago to take up residence until such time as he could secure sufficient funds for the payment of his troops, took possession of a large supply of shells and thought to convert these into ready money.

Instead of sending his own soldiers to undertake the work he employed unskilled labourers. Their job was to open the shells, selling the iron to be "beaten into ploughshares," the brass to the mint to be made into "silver coins" and light-weight dragon coppers, (for they still have the impression here that the Shanghai tramways require this variety), while the powder was to be sold to somebody in Shanghai. The powder must have been piled in a huge heap where the men were working and when some green cooie hit a supposed "dud" on the nose the resulting explosion set off the exposed powder, inflicting the dreadful burns on the whole group without any very great detonation. The explosion was apparently not heard inside the city a mile away. Of the men brought to the Mission Hospital 23 have already died. Others are still living who have only a few square inches of skin unburned.

General Ma Ling Chia, the Military Governor, left to-day for Peking; the strictest precautions being taken to keep all of the people of the streets while he was traversing the comparatively short distance between his yamen and the boat landing.

THE METHOD OF MOUNTING

spectacle glasses is of the greatest importance," writes Dr. C. Hartbridge, F.R.C.S., Ophthalmic Surgeon and Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery to the Westminster Hospital, "they must be accurately centred in frames that are light, strong and fit well, otherwise the good effect of the most carefully chosen correction may be entirely frustrated by a faulty position of the glasses, or even a fresh source of eyestrain may be introduced." The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Refracting and Manufacturing Opticians, located in 23, Queen's Road Central, have the equipment and instrument to adjust your spectacles to a nicety.—Advt. [62]

IN CHINESE TIBET A JOURNEY TO THE TIBETAN ALPS

Mr. C. J. Gregory, B.Sc., son of Professor J. W. Gregory, of Glasgow University, gave a lecture in Edinburgh to the members of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society on "A Journey to the Alps of Chinese Tibet." Mr. Gregory said the expedition, which consisted of a 1,500-mile walk through the mountain fastnesses of Chinese Tibet, was undertaken with a view to solving some of its geographical problems. The first problem dealt with the mountain range of the old world, which had been traced along a line from the Pyrenees across Europe to the Himalayas, but no one knew where it went after that. Some held that it went north-east towards Manchuria, others that it turned south to form the line of the Malay Archipelago. It now appeared that neither of these explanations was the true one, for the main line actually ran on east into China. The second problem was the erratic behaviour of three of the great rivers of Asia, the Salween, the Mekong, and the Yang-tee-kiang. They converged till they were all within a belt 50 miles wide and flowed thus far, 150 miles in stupendous gorges, and then they separated suddenly. The parallelism was due to a gentle buckling of the earth's crust, which produced parallel cracks down which the rivers flowed. The return journey, largely by a different route, was hindered by flooded areas which had to be crossed, and the difficulty of obtaining the few necessary mules for transport.

At the close of the lecture the Society's gold medal was presented to Professor Gregory in recognition of his valuable contributions to geographical science. In 1892-93 he went as a naturalist to British East Africa on an expedition organised under the auspices of the Natural History Department, and when the expedition collapsed Dr. Gregory organised another of his own, which was completely successful. The more important results were published in 1896 in his book, "The Great Rift Valley." In 1919 he revisited that region, and made several journeys to develop the materials collected in 1892-93. The results of his detailed researches were embodied in a volume published in 1921, in which the origin and history of the Rift Valleys of East Africa were viewed in relation to the contemporary earth movements which transformed the geography of the world. Of his later geographical work perhaps the most important was the expedition to the basin of Lake Eyre, which he organised and carried out in 1901-2 when Professor of Geology in the University of Melbourne. His book, "The Dead Heart of Australia," stimulated a discussion because it contained views on the physical geography and ethnology of Australia differing widely from those generally held.

A BUDDHIST MISSION.
 DR. MCGOVERN REACHES LHASSA.
 Captain J. E. Egan of the late British Buddhist Mission to Tibet, in a letter, says: "Whatever strange influences, diplomatic or other, that worked against the success of the British Mission to Tibet, have now been corrected since Dr. McGovern has arrived in Lhasa. The most curious thing about our official refusal of permission to go to Lhasa was that Dr. McGovern and I were later told unofficially that if we chose to take the road to Lhasa we would not be prevented by the Tibetans themselves, but unfortunately we had been required to sign an agreement with Major Bailey, the Political Officer at Gangtok, to the effect that we would not go beyond the Gyantse without his permission. Thus we were unable to avail ourselves of the invitation to take French leave so it came about that the Doctor and I returned to Darjeeling with the full intention of returning without the knowledge or interference of our own officials. "Finally, it was decided that the Doctor should go, since he is a fully ordained Buddhist priest of the Zen sect of Japan, possesses two Buddhist degrees as well as his degrees of M.A. and L.H.D. of Oxford and London Universities, and is recognised as a Lama of high standing in Tibet. He speaks Tibetan fluently, both ordinary or colloquial, and has high honours as well as reading and writing with facility. For these reasons, and because I am not easily disguised, we came to the conclusion that it would be the best plan if he went with a young Tibetan Lama and two Tibetan servants, whom we had with us on the previous occasion. "Dr. McGovern went through Sikim, entering Tibet by a little-known route by way of Rampa Jong, avoiding the Chumbi Valley, Phari and the Gyantse, proceeding via Sigeatse and down the river to Lhasa. Apparently he arrived on or about February 15th, for it was on this date that a wire was received from him stating that he had got safely to Lhasa. This news is exceedingly satisfactory, as the Mission may now be said to have reached a successful conclusion and Dr. McGovern will be able to assure the Dalai Lama and others as to the genuineness of our intentions. It was all along known to the Tibetan authorities that the Doctor would make this attempt, and there is no doubt that his success in reaching Lhasa was achieved with their assistance, which had already been promised, unofficially."

SPORT FOOTBALL TO-DAY'S FINALS IN HONGKONG LEAGUE

Division II.
 Kick off 3.15 p.m.
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Division I.
 Kick off 4.15 p.m.
 Referee, Mr. Wright. Linemen Messrs Fairburn and Perryman.

The following have been chosen to play for the Rest against the King's Reserves at 3.15 p.m.—Hill (Auxiliaries) Sopher (University) and E. P. Hyndman (St. Joseph's) G. Dunce (Kowloon) D. Laing (University) and Leonard (United A.C.) T. L. Cheah (University) Gale (Titania) Pithworth (Marazion) Kwok Po Kan and Lau Kan (South China). Reserves—Ogley (St. Joseph's) and Walls (Auxiliaries).

At the close of the games the cups and medals will be presented.

HARBOUR MASTER'S ADVICE TO HIS STAFF

CONCERNING THE ROUNDING UP OF CRIMINALS.

"When you see any chance of making a case, go for it. When you hear cries of 'stop thief,' or 'snatching,' don't wait, go and look for it and see what happens." These words were addressed by Comdr. C. W. Beckwith, R.N. (Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate) yesterday morning to the Harbour Office staff which had collected in the boat shed for the purpose of hearing Commander Beckwith tender his congratulations to a Harbour messenger, named Wong To, who, on the 2nd inst., was successful in procuring the arrest of a thief in Lascar Row. Acting on his own initiative, he took his captive to the Central Police Station. The case came up before the Magistrate the other day and the thief was sent to prison for three months. The Harbour Master hoped the rest of the messengers would follow Wong To's example. To Wong To, he said "I congratulate you, and will see that you get promotion as soon as possible."

STREET FOOTBALL "GOALIE" ATTACKS OPPOSING FORWARD WITH A KNIFE

A small boy was charged on remand at the Magistrate's yesterday morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, with having stabbed another small boy with whom he had played football in the street.

According to Detective Inspector Willis, the complainant—one of the forward line—charged the defendant—the keeper of the goal. In the scrimmage the "goalie" was kicked on the hand and in his anger he drew forth a pocket knife and drove it into the enthusiastic forward's back. The injury was serious enough to necessitate the boy's detention in the hospital.

Mr. McCallum (for the defendant) said the lad no desire to minimise the gravity of the offence, but pointed out that any fine imposed on the boy would have to be borne by the parents. The defendant was accidentally kicked and that put him into a passion.

The Magistrate bound over the defendant in a sum of \$100 for six months, with the mother as surety for his good behaviour during that period. He advised that a severe whipping be administered to the defendant at home. An order was also made that a sum of \$5 be paid to the complainant as "medicine money."

NAVAL STRENGTH BRITAIN, AMERICA, AND JAPAN COMPARED.

Mr. Eyres-Monell, Financial Secretary, to the Admiralty, answering Com. Bellairs in the House of Commons gave the following details as to war vessels maintained in full commission by Britain, America, and Japan—

	U.S.A.	Japan.	Britain.
Battleships	18	4	13
Battle cruisers	0	3	2
Cruisers	5	3	0
Light cruisers	5	11	37
Destroyers	100	22	65
Submarines	73	11	89

The number of British battleships does not include the *Ajias* and *Centurion*, which have reduced complements although serving with an active service squadron. The number of destroyers includes eight flotilla leaders.

SUGAR PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

HIGH PRICES ATTRIBUTED TO REFINERIES

Senator Reed Smoot (Rep.) of Utah, in a speech in the Senate at Washington on the 14th inst., laid the present high prices of sugar wholly at the door of the refiners. He said the refiners hoped to get the tariff low enough to destroy the American production industry and bring control of every pound of sugar into their hands.

The Farmers Union in a statement attributing the present sugar prices to "criminal manipulation" urges closer investigation of the sugar producing industries. The statement says:—"There is something radically wrong with the economic system that permits the calm flooding of more than 100,000,000 American people. We can stabilize the sugar market as we have stabilized the cotton, prune and raisin markets by bringing out our own salesmen and middlemen and our own financiers."

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH,

AT 6 P.M.
ORATORIO SELECTIONS
UNIVERSITY ANTHEM
 ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
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A. W. GRUNDY, Naval Store Officer.

Hongkong, March 1923. [674]

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THE JAMBOREE.

HONGKONG SCOUTS SHOW THAT THEY ARE ALIVE.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

"To show that we are alive," is one of the reasons advertised by the Boy Scouts' Association of Hongkong for the holding of the "Jamboree," which was opened at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Those who attended at the City Hall will certainly agree that the scouts have proved that they are alive, for the affair was one of the liveliest exhibitions seen in the City Hall for some time.

"To arouse interest and gain support," is another of the reasons advertised, and if the large numbers of people who were present yesterday afford any criterion, they have certainly managed to arouse interest, and, we hope, to gain support.

The Jamboree was officially opened by H. E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.O.M.G.), who is the Chief Scout of the Colony. His Excellency arrived punctually, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. Eric Rice. Among other well known people of the Colony sufficiently interested in the movement to put in an appearance were Commodore and Mrs. Grace, and Miss Grace, Sir William Rees Davies, and Lady Rees Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz, and Mrs. Gompertz, Bishop Pooni, Lieut. Conway Hake, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. D. Burlingham, and others.

As the Governor entered the City Hall he walked through a double line of scouts, who saluted him with their staves at the "present!"

His Excellency then went straight up into St. George's room, and in declaring the Jamboree open, made a long and interesting speech on the work of the Association.

He stated that their one aim was to train boys as "First Class Scouts." At the present moment no Hongkong Scout possessed the First Class medal, but several of the boys were on the verge of obtaining that badge. The Association was determined that this medal should be properly won in each case, and when the number of qualifications needed before it could be obtained was considered, it would be seen that the task was no easy one. Among other things the applicant had to know something of signalling, to be efficient in swimming and life-saving, to be able to save a drowning man under ordinary circumstances, to be efficient at first aid, to be able to administer artificial respiration, to read and make maps, to be able to cook for a camp, and to be a judge of distance, size, and numbers, and many other things of a similar description. Training was carried on in the headquarters of the individual troops, and it was upon the number of boys in a troop winning the First Class badge that the award of the Prince of Wales Banner largely depended. They had now acquired a temporary training camp for the Association at Pine Wood Battery Hutton Road. This, however, was not entirely satisfactory. They needed headquarters and a training camp where they would be able to have offices, and hold lectures, and have special technical training. It would also have to be easily accessible, and on a site close to the sea, where good water was near at hand, and a food supply would not be far away. Pine Woods filled all the other requirements, but it had no bathing beach near at hand, and neither was there a good water supply. They needed, too, a permanent place.

His Excellency also remarked on the good work that had been done by the Association during the year, and congratulated them on the success of their efforts. He stated that of the 350,000 scouts registered at Imperial Headquarters, 250 were from Hongkong, a very fine percentage. Incidentally, the Imperial Headquarters had issued twenty-seven gilt medals for meritorious conduct, during the period between October 1921, and September 1922, and three of these had been earned by Hongkong scouts. The Association wished it to be known that people desiring to become scoutmasters or mistresses, or cubmasters or mistresses, would be welcomed for the need for their services was an urgent one. It would mean a good deal of time, and a good deal of self-denial, and as was the case with all other educational works in the Colony, there would be disappointments, but the final result would be worth it. The Association also needed regular annual subscribers, rather than have to depend on the occasional gifts now being given.

During the year, the scouts had been varied. They had held swimming sports in October, there had been an inspection by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Prince of Wales banner had been presented to the Association by himself (the Governor),

and a number of "all day united treks" had been held on the mainland. There were seven troops of scouts in Victoria, and one over at Kowloon. They hoped, after the jamboree, to start a new troop in connection with St. Paul's College, and at the present time a few boys were being specially trained to form the nucleus of a troop for the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians. In addition to the scouts he had mentioned, there was a patrol of sea scouts, and two river patrols made up of senior scouts—these latter run in connection with the 5th Troop. In addition there were four packs of wolf cubs in the Colony. His Excellency expressed the opinion that if the ladies and gentlemen could be prevailed upon to come forward as scoutmasters and mistresses, troops could easily be formed on the Peak.

The Scout Commissioner (the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave), called for three hearty cheers for the Chief Scout of Hongkong and these were given with a will.

The Commissioner then asked the sea scouts to give His Excellency a cheer on their own. He remarked that his reason for this was the His Excellency had very kindly promised to present them with a yacht of the Heyward-Hayes class for training purposes. The cheer was given with great enthusiasm.

After this H.E. the Governor was conducted round the City Hall by the Commissioner, and shown various exhibits of the scouts' work. His Excellency was also shown how scouts build a 24 feet trestle bridge, strong enough to hold as many boys as could stand on it, in a remarkably short space of time. The lads gave some very interesting displays during the afternoon, and showed a refreshing keenness in their work. Single troops each gave a display of some sort. The Sixth troop interested the onlookers with a well-timed exhibition of Swedish drill; the Seventh troop proved themselves remarkably smart at Chinese exercises—a novelty to the Europeans; the Fifth troop proved themselves adepts with the scout staff, putting it to many and varied uses; the Eighth troop gave an exhibition of stretcher drill and the manipulation of the trek cart; and the Third went through the ceremony of an investiture of scouts and the Sea Scouts gave an instructive display of methods of life saving.

St. Andrew's room provided the visitor with an interesting and instructive half hour or so, wandering around and examining the various stalls, upon which were exhibitions of the work for which scout badges were given. There was, for instance, the tailor's badge stall. This consisted of a stall hung around with jackets, shirts, etc., all made by scouts when passing for their tailor's badge. Then there was the bookbinder's badge stall. Here there was a number of boys engaged in the art of bookbinding. In addition there were stalls for the Carpenter's badge, the Missioner's badge, the Basketworker's badge, the Artist's badge, the Naturalist's badge, the Metalworker's badge, the Telegraphist's badge, and the Leatherworker's badge. The Carving badge. Scouts were in charge of all of these stalls, and at most of them boys were actually engaged in the art or industry represented. The "scouters in charge" of this department were Deputy Scout Master White, Scout Master Barney, and Scout Master Tak. The "scouter in charge" of the displays was Assistant Scout Master Butcher.

According to the programme, an interesting little booklet, in itself, the aims and objects of the Association are to develop good citizenship among boys by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience, and self-reliance, inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others, teaching boys services useful to the public, and handicrafts useful to themselves, and promoting their physical welfare and hygiene.

On the subject of their needs, the programme states:—

"Our needs are too numerous to give in detail here. In the first place we are anxious to increase our membership in all ranks. There are thousands of boys in Hongkong who might be brought into the movement if only men of the right stamp would be prepared to give their services as Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters or Instructors. The main hindrance to our expansion is the lack of such men to take charge of new troops. The Commissioner or other officials will be delighted to give any information or advice to volunteers. Also we have in view at some future date the erection of a Scout Headquarters in Hongkong commensurate with the size and importance of the Colony and the securing of a permanent camping ground at some suitable site by the sea in place of our temporary camp at Pine Woods. To achieve this we shall require much additional help and support."

Also at the Jamboree was a troop of Chinese scouts from Tongkwan, just a little North of Macao, who have made the journey down especially to be present. These scouts are not under the Association, and they have come down in charge of Mr. Shao Wai. The visitors gave a most interesting exhibition of letter work, scaled carving and Chinese carving.

The general organizing staff that has carried out most of the work in connection with the Jamboree consists of the following:—

The Commissioner: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave; the Jamboree Secretary: Scout Master Kirk; and the Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Blason.

Mr. S. M. Farrell and Mr. G. H. Sellwood were in charge of the refreshments. The Jamboree re-opens to-day at half past two.

LAST NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.

A POTTED VERSION OF "THE TEMPEST."

Following up their most entertaining and instructive display of scout work in the City Hall, the Scouts last night gave at the Theatre Royal a most enjoyable entertainment. The programme was divided into two sections, the first being "an ordinary Scout Camp-fire Sing Song" and the second was mainly devoted to a forty minute modern version of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," or as the organisers called it in an alternative title: "A Storm in a Tea-cup." It was, in effect, a very clever caricature of the production of "The Tempest" by the local Amateur Dramatic Company last Christmas. The producers in their advertising propaganda for the event made due apologies to "W.S. of Stratford," and to "W.S. of Hongkong," but if "W.S. of Stratford" had been present last night psychologically—as possibly he was, seeing that the producers—according to the programme—had previously been able to "get in touch with" him—he, no doubt, enjoyed the skit just as much as the audience did.

The scenery for the "Potted Tempest," kindly lent by the Amateur Dramatic Club was not however that used by the Company for its Christmas production, but something more subdued and realistic, for which the producers offered an apology. The entire prologue is, perhaps, worth reproducing as it explains how the potted edition of The Tempest came to be written. It says:—

"Owing to modern psychological researches we were enabled to get in touch with Mr. W. Shakespeare, who was consulted on the probable reception his original plays would receive if they were now to be presented to a modern audience as entirely new productions. The company in which Mr. Shakespeare was found, which included such famous critics as Dr. Johnson, Sheridan, Marlow, Chaucer, and others, was unanimous in the verdict that they would receive 'the bird.' Shakespeare, naturally indignant, took an aerial trip round the world, only to be convinced, much to his disgust, that their opinion was probably right. However, after discussion the company decided that a Tea Play, modelled on one of the great originals, should be produced, 'The Tempest' being the one chosen, and in search of local colour, Shakespeare arrived in Hongkong. He found, as everywhere else, scepticism rife as regards spirits, elfs, fairies, etc., and people's minds given over to unconsidered trifles of purely local importance.

"To be in the fashion he felt bound to set the scene in or about the Far East, and therefore decided that the Isle of Cheung Chau would be appropriate. This Island, to the South of Hongkong, already possesses a pier, a golf course, and several desirable residences, which at political intervals are put up for rent. Were it not owing to considerable Official Opposition this Island with its Mayor and Corporation, would long ago have ousted Hongkong, Canton, and Whampoa from the claim to be premier port in the Far East. Its beauties are considerable, and it teems with life, chiefly of the winged variety. It is not therefore surprising that its appeal has been so strongly felt by our great author. Further ideas were presented to him by an unfortunate occurrence on his way hither. A sudden severe blow in the back nearly laid him psychologically lifeless, and he had barely recovered consciousness when a typhoon carried him a considerable distance out of his way. He afterwards made due enquiry, and stated that he was sure that the first blow was merely a wireless signal passing through the ether, prefiguring the oncoming typhoon; he therefore took this as a foreshadowing of the play, should the opening typhoon let his work speak for itself. He awaits the verdict of the great Hongkong Public. But needless to say Shakespeare's first method of telling the story, and this one, differs materially. The features of the present version are extremely plain.

"Decoration and Scenery.—We are trying to make money, not spend it, and we found decoration on the local scale too expensive. The scenery is as far as possible that of the original show, especially as, in spite of exhaustive explorations conducted by the Scouts on the Island and mainland, no pink trees could be obtained.

"The Ballet.—Very few of us saw Pantomime, but our dancing is composed for the occasion and on it, and is therefore entirely original and unlike anything else you have seen before. Try it during the summer months in your bath or at your bathing place."

(Continued at foot of next column.)

NEW OFFICER COMMANDING THE KING'S.

LIEUT.-COL. BLAKE ARRIVES.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O., has arrived in Hongkong to take over the command of the 2nd Battalion of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment. Lieut.-Colonel Blake was appointed to the command about the end of last year in succession to Lieut.-Colonel Hyslop, who recently went home to retire on pension. The new Officer Commanding is accompanied by Mrs. Blake and their two children.

Colonel Blake, who was educated at Charterhouse, was gazetted to the King's (Liverpool) Regiment in 1899. In the following year he was transferred to the Wilts Regiment. In 1905 he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and in 1914 to Staff Captain. During the Great War, in addition to being mentioned in despatches, he was awarded the D.S.O. and later received the C.M.G. decoration and was given the rank of Brevet-Colonel.

Colonel Blake is 44 years of age. Mrs. Blake, whom he married in 1919, is a daughter of Mr. John Harrison Packard, of Swafeld Hall, North Walsham.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors reads:—

Your Directors have pleasure in submitting the accompanying Statement of the Company's Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1923.

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation, after allowing for Depreciation is \$849,862.91 and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 240,000 shares	\$360,000.00
To pay a dividend of \$1 per share on 59,683 shares (1922 issue)	59,683.00
To place to Reserve	200,000.00
To carry forward to next account	130,179.91
	\$849,862.91

DIRECTORS.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., was invited to fill the vacancy on the Directorate occasioned by the death of the Hon. Mr. Lam Chu Pak. Mr. G. M. Dodwell resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony and Mr. T. G. Weall was appointed to the vacant seat. These appointments required the confirmation of shareholders. In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Only a few of Shakespeare's original characters appeared in last night's version and their identity was not disclosed on the programme—doubtless for fear of the consequences. Prospero was represented by an "ex-Astronomer and Meteorological Expert"; Ferdinand by "A Tai Pan"; whilst Gonzalo, Sebastian, Antonio, Francisco and Adrian were designated "Absolute Nonentities"; Stephano and Trinculo were simply "Beachcombers"; and the role of Caliban, "half-man and half-beast" was filled by "Prohibition Agent." All the other characters were set down in the Caste, but the actors make no appearance. Some had "previous engagements," the programme stated, and others were unable to appear for sundry other reasons.

There was plenty of fun from start to finish and, to quote the programme once more, "the play gets completely ravolled up in next to no time."

Upon Prospero's shoulders fell most of the work and his gags and quips about "Peakites" and "Kowloonites" were witty and clever. The gentleman who acted the part was heavily bearded with a "King Beaver" beard, but one had no difficulty in discovering his identity. The dances by the "nymphs and elfs" were very humorous, a number of Chinese boys in bathing costumes taking off the parts performed by the rabbits, dogs, etc., in the Christmas production, to the great amusement of the audience.

The first part of the programme—the Sing Song—was also well done, the principal contributors being: District Scout Master A. White, Firefighter Scout W. Shiu, Drummer P. L. H. Chan, Scout Master F. Williams, Scout D. Hynes, Cub-Sixer D. Anderson. In addition, a series of Chinese exercises were given by the 1st Troop under Scout Master Leung. There was also a sketch, "A Couple of Seamen," by the 5th Troop, a display of shadow acting by the 6th Troop under Scout Master Lam, and an exhibition of illuminated club swimming by Patrol Leader Ng Wai Man of the 6th Troop.

The concert was well attended.

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THESE will be held at HAPPY VALLEY on TUESDAY, 17th APRIL. H.E. the GOVERNOR will distribute the Prizes at 4 P.M. The Old Boys' 220 Yds. Race is timed for 3.30 P.M. [711]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE SUMMER TERM will begin on TUESDAY, 24th APRIL. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys at 9.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, 21st APRIL. For Prospectus apply to THE WARDEN. [708]

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the CLUB CLOSING CRUISE and PRIZE PRESENTATION arranged for the Week-end 14th-15th APRIL, is POSTPONED. H. S. ROUSE, Hon. Sec., Sailing Committee. [715]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Definitive Certificate No. 5/na, 6656 dated 21st December, 1920, for 35 Shares numbered 34012 to 34046, 37956 to 37990, 34506 to 34511, 35843 to 35857, Provisional Certificate No. 57/768 dated 30th May, 1921, for 11 Shares numbered 130343 to 130353 and Provisional Certificate No. 57/1045 for 1 Share numbered 131423 all registered in the name of Mr. S. F. F. SICKOUS are reported to have been destroyed by fire, and should these certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 15th day of May, 1923, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Definitive Certificate No. 5/na, 6656 and Provisional Certificate Nos. 57/768 and 57/1045 will be thereafter treated, by this Corporation as Null and Void. By Order of the Court of Directors A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager. [706]

CITY HALL.

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NEW GARDEN CITY SPORTS (HOMUNTS).

THIRD ATHLETIC MEETING.

THE Committee has much pleasure in inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Colony to their SPORTS at HOMUNTS on SUNDAY, 15th APRIL, commencing at 2.30 P.M. By courtesy of the Management there will be Special Trains leaving Kowloon at 2.30 P.M. and return at 6.45 P.M. from Homunts. E. P. RYNDMAN, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 13th April, 1923. [700]

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INTIMATIONS

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

CLUB GROUND, HAPPY VALLEY.

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1923.

Division II. Kick Off, 3.15 P.M. KINGS v. THE REST. (Winners.)

Division I. Kick Off, 4.45 P.M. KINGS v. B.M.S. "AMBROSE" (Winners.) (Runners-up.)

ADMISSION TO STAND—\$1.00. Chair, 50 cents. Services in Uniform—Chairs, 30 cents. [681]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

MR. THOMAS ANDREW BARRY has been appointed Assistant General Manager of the above Company as from the 11th April, 1923. By Order of the Board, J. SCOTT HARTSON, Chairman. Hongkong, 12th April, 1923. [701]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. JAMES SHAFTO AGASSIZ has been appointed Secretary of the above Company as from the 15th April, 1923. By Order of the Board, J. SCOTT HARTSON, Chairman. [702]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

MR. FREDERICK JAMES EASTERBROOK has been appointed Acting Secretary of the above Company, as from the 15th April, 1923. By Order of the Board, C. P. CHATER, Chairman. [703]

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL.

A MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS will be held on MONDAY, 16th APRIL, 1923, at the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., at 4.30 P.M. All Subscribers are invited to attend. [705]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12693/12695 and One Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12696/12698 in this Company, standing in the Name of LY HING U and LI T. CHEONG respectively have been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 5th April, 1923. [684]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, 5th Floor, GIBBS BUILDING, on SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1923, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st April, 1923, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 4th April, 1923. [685]

HOUSING COMMISSION.

THE Undersigned would be glad to receive IN WRITING, on or before the 20th INSTANT, suggestions from members of the General Public in regard to

- (1) The standardization (with the object of reducing the cost of buildings) of (a) designs for houses, (b) fixtures and fittings for houses, (c) the reduction of the cost of building materials.
 - (2) The use of cheaper or more suitable kinds of building materials.
 - (3) The greater employment of labour-saving machines or devices.
 - (4) Improved methods for the transportation of building materials.
 - (5) Securing an increased supply of skilled labourers.
 - (6) Reducing the number of middlemen.
 - (7) Other methods for reducing the cost of house construction.
- 2.—Measures which should be taken by the Government for promoting any of the above objects.
- 3.—Measures which should be taken by the Government
- (1) To increase the quantity of housing accommodation, and in particular
 - (2) To facilitate the building of more houses for occupation by (i) Persons of moderate means, (ii) The working classes.
- H. E. POLLOCK, Chairman, Housing Commission. Prince's Buildings, 9th April, 1923. [684]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DE GERANCE DE LA BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE (ÉTABLISSEMENT FRANCO-CHINOIS).

(INCORPORATED IN FRANCE).

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Frs. 10,000,000 PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 2,500,000 WORKING FUND PROVIDED BY THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE ... 50,000,000

THE above Company will commence Exchange and General Banking Business at No. 5, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 16th APRIL, 1923. The Consent of the Supreme Court of Hongkong has been obtained permitting the Official Receiver to lease to the above Company the premises occupied by the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The Local Assets of the Banque Industrielle de Chine will remain as before in the Custody and Control of the Official Receiver. A. L. SEITZERT, Manager.

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DE GERANCE DE LA BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE (ÉTABLISSEMENT FRANCO-CHINOIS).

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AUCTIONS

By Order of the Executors PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS OF SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

74, CAINE ROAD, HONGKONG To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, the 17th DAY of APRIL, 1923, at 3 O'CLOCK, P.M. by Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, at their Auction Room, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG.

The Property Consists of:—All that Piece or Parcel of Ground registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 2300 together with the messuages and premises thereon known as No. 74, Caine Road. The dwelling House is most commodious and would be suitable for a large family house or hotel. The House faces the Harbour and is situated in a very valuable quarter of Hongkong commanding a splendid view. There are 16 Large Airy Rooms, Spacious Garden and Lawn with Garage attached, also Extensive Roof Garden. Every modern convenience, Hot and Cold Water System and Electric Light and Gas. There is an Extensive Basement and Excellent Servants' Quarters having separate entrance. Extensive Verandahs on Three Floors and amongst other conveniences there are Two Bathrooms, Two Kitchens, Storeroom and Linen Room. An Excellent and Attractive Investment. The Premises are held under a Crown Lease for the term of 999 years from the 1st day of September, 1857. The Vendor would be prepared to leave all the purchase money on Mortgage at current rate of interest on the day of Auction. For further particulars apply to Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, The Auctioneers, Dundrell Street, or Messrs. D'ALMADA & MASON, Solicitors for the Vendor, 30, Queen's Road, Central. Dated the 4th day of April, 1923. D'ALMADA & MASON, Solicitors for the Vendor. [680]

PARTICULARS OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate No. 13, WING HING STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG. To be Sold by Order of the Mortgagee By PUBLIC AUCTION, IN ONE LOT ON MONDAY, THE 14th DAY of MAY, 1923, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M. By Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers, at their Office, DUNDRELL STREET.

THE Property Consists of First ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 5108 together with the messuages erections or buildings thereon now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street and Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear of the said Section A of Inland Lot No. 5108 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises are held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 16th day of May, 1916, created by the Crown Lease thereof together with the valuable machinery now situate in or upon the said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street. Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS, Solicitors, 5, Des Voeux Road Central, and Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers. [687]

INTIMATION

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 14th, 1923.

THE SHIPPING POSITION.

The prosperity of German shipping, as indicated in the Berlin cables announcing a dividend of thirty per cent. by the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and a dividend of ten per cent. with a twenty per cent. bonus, by the Hamburg-American Line, presents rather a sharp contrast to shipping conditions prevailing in most other countries. Incidentally, when we see the shipping development that has taken place in Germany since the Armistice, we have considerable difficulty in reconciling it with the plea, made in connection with the Reparations problem, that Germany is poverty-stricken. In 1913, Germany was Great Britain's most serious competitor in shipping. She was the second greatest Maritime Power, with about 5,000,000 tons afloat. By the Treaty of Versailles she was reduced to 400,000 tons of shipping. She has already got 2,500,000 tons, and by the end of the present year it is calculated that she will have 3,000,000 tons—not a bad four years' record for a poverty-stricken country. And in spite of this rapid growth the leading Germany companies are able to do a highly remunerative business and to distribute to shareholders dividends of no less than thirty per cent. According to returns published by the Trade Statistical Department, 738 steamers entered the port of Hamburg in February, as against 742 in the corresponding month of 1913, and 162 sailing vessels as compared with 223 in 1913. The aggregate tonnage was 1,047,208 as against 1,009,236 in 1913. Of these 900 vessels, 493 of 360,883 tons flew the German flag. In the United States, in Japan and in Great Britain, the shipowner continues to talk of the continuance of great depression in shipping. At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Shipping in London, the President, Sir Ernest Glozier, said few signs of improvement are yet discernible.

He said that the index number of freights fell from 100 in 1920 to 30 last year, and the time charter rate was 20 per cent. lower than in 1913. On the other hand, all the expenses of running ships are far greater than in pre-war days—wages about 100 per cent. and wages of dock labour by about 130 per cent., while other charges, such as provisions and coal and stores, are also higher. It is small wonder, therefore, that Sir Ernest Glozier described the past year as one of successive disappointments. "Voyage after voyage has been undertaken in the hope that some profit would result; many have resulted in loss—some in very heavy loss—while those which have shown a credit balance have not yielded sufficient profit to provide for the depreciation which has taken place." It is realised, that there can be no considerable recovery in shipping nor in the twin industry of shipbuilding, until Europe has settled down to steady production, for everything depends on the volume of goods to be carried. It is stated that cargoes which are available at present are one-third less than they were eight or nine years ago; and, even if old ships on the register be ignored, there is a good deal more tonnage on the water than there was before the Germans began their disastrous submarine campaign.

In circumstances such as these it is evident that the prosperity of German shipping is only to be explained by economic conditions which enable the German shipping companies to run their ships more cheaply. The brief cables contained no reference to amounts set aside out of the earnings for depreciation and reserves, and until such details are available it would perhaps be unwise to conclude that the German shipping companies are as prosperous as the dividend announcements themselves suggest. But even if it be so, it is doubtful if it can long be maintained in view of the general position of shipping throughout the world as it is outlined by the President of the British Chamber of Shipping. His address was especially noteworthy for the boldness of the remedy it suggested. His argument was that the recovery of shipping is dependent upon the recovery of international trade, and he urged that business men, and particularly bankers, of Great Britain and other countries should get together to discuss the problem of this after-war period, and "if it can be established," he said, "that the payment of Reparations and the payment of their debts to us by our Allies involve the continuance of the exchange difficulties and the prevention of the resumption of normal trade, this would be a strong argument in favour of this country dropping Reparations and inter-Allied debts altogether." Sir Ernest Glozier is not the first to make such a suggestion, but we question very much whether there is the least likelihood of any British Government seriously entertaining it.

Mr. Arthur Powlett Blunt, C.M.G., has returned to Weihaiwei and resumed the Administration of the Government of the Territory.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares were sold locally yesterday at \$1.125, which is ten times their original value.

Miss May Mukle, the famous Cellist is to give her concert at the City Hall on Tuesday evening next. An advertisement will be found among to-day's announcements.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Assistant Registrar at the Supreme Court, officiated at the Magistrate's yesterday morning, during the absence of the Second Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell).

The public who use the Peak tram will be interested and pleased to learn that the Company has decided to institute the "quons" suggested by a lady correspondent in the Daily Press some weeks ago. It has been arranged to erect along the full length of the platform at the lower terminus a grille which will prevent the rush to board the cars before the down passengers have alighted.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ng Hon Tsz (member of the Legislative Council) has been arranged to take place on Tuesday next. The cortege will leave Caine Road at 1 p.m. and by going a circuitous route through the main streets of the City is due to arrive at the Yat Bit Ting (the Farewell House) at Kennedy Town at 3 p.m. Friends will assemble there to pay their last respects to the deceased gentleman. The remains are to be buried in the Perpetual Chinese Cemetery, near Aberdeen.

A private letter to hand by yesterday's mail states that Colonel John Ward, M.P., had to undergo a severe operation, and for a time his life was despaired of, but his many friends and acquaintances in the Colony will be glad to learn that he is now on the road to recovery, though he may not be able to attend to business of any nature for at least another two months.

In reply to a charge of falling to detain a house-boy who came into his pawnshop on the 15th inst. to pawn a canvas tent, later established as the property of Mrs. Blunsdon, of No. 50, Whitefield, an accountant of the Yuen Hung pawnshop, at Whitefield told the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) yesterday that the house-boy had been a continuous customer and he had no particular reason to suspect him when he came into the shop on this occasion with the tent. The Magistrate ordered the case to be adjourned.

The new White Star liner Doric is advertised to sail on her maiden voyage this month, and this recalls her predecessor of the same name. Launched at Belfast forty years ago, the old Doric had a gross tonnage of 3,071, and ran in the London-New Zealand service at first till her owners decided to put her on the Pacific run, where she was in company with the Oceanic, Coptic and Gaelic on the San Francisco and Hongkong run by arrangement with the Occidental and Oriental Company. In 1906 she was sold to the Asia Steamship Company, who renamed her Asia, and on April 24th, 1911, when under charter to the Pacific Mail, she stranded on Finger Point, near Shanghai, and became a total wreck. Her remains were sold at San Francisco for \$1,000.

Colonel A. C. Yates, Secretary of the Central Asian Society, in the course of a short address recently abounding in personal reminiscences in China, narrated some of the exploits of one Eigenvogt, who took a prominent part in the affairs of the country. He was added Colonel Yates, a very peculiar and interesting fellow. On one occasion he entered a law court, turned the presiding judge out of his judicial seat, and placed himself in it with his large dogs seated by his side. He then proceeded to administer justice to the case under review, which happened to be that of a number of Chinamen accused of assaulting a number of German residents. He ended up by dismissing the case and giving the Chinamen their liberty. Eigenvogt was guilty of numerous other eccentric acts. The speaker said he had endeavoured to trace him within the last two years, but had failed to locate him. He therefore came to the conclusion that he must be dead, for if Eigenvogt was still alive he was not the sort of individual not to be heard of.

THE TYPHOON SEASON.

AN EARLY COMMENCEMENT THIS YEAR.

The typhoon season has commenced earlier than usual this season. Yesterday morning between six and seven o'clock a typhoon warning was announced, the red cone, which is the first warning of an approaching typhoon, being hoisted on Signal Hill and elsewhere.

According to the latitude and longitude given (19N. and 113E.) the position of typhoon is about 150 miles to the south of Hongkong and about 100 miles to the East of Hainan Island. The direction of the wind was unknown and the radius uncertain.

Further heavy rain fell in Kowloon and Hongkong during Thursday night, accompanied by intervals by vivid flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder. During the night the wind blew with considerable force. A large section of the new boarding surrounding the Peninsula Hotel site, Kowloon, was blown down.

The rain fell for Thursday night and yesterday morning was not as heavy as on the previous night. The total fall for the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day was 1.13 inch. The fall in the previous 24 hours was four inches.

The total rain fall for the year is now 0.78 inches.

TELEPHONE SERVICE TO KOWLOON INTERRUPTED.

Owing to a cable breakdown, the telephone service between Hongkong and Kowloon is interrupted. The cable in question is an underground cable at Praya East. It was not possible to say yesterday how soon the service was likely to be resumed.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.]

INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.
FARMING CONFERENCE PROVES
ABORTIVE.

London, April 12th.

A five-and-a-half hours' conference between mediators representing the farmers and farm workers, has proved abortive, the employers' offer being unacceptable.

BALLOT OF BUILDING TRADE
WORKERS.

The Building Trade Union Federation, which up to the present has argued that the employers' terms violate the existing agreement, has now decided on a ballot of the men, on the subject of submitting the whole issue to arbitration.

GERMAN POLICE FIRE ON
UNEMPLOYED.

Cologne, April 12th.

The German police fired on a crowd of 3,000 unemployed who were demonstrating at the Duisburg Town Hall demanding increased allowances. Four were killed and thirteen wounded.

PARIS MIDINETTES DECLARE
STRIKE.

Paris, April 12th.

A strike of 5,000 midinettes has led to disturbances. The police charged the strikers, and arrested four.

EARLIER CABLES.

INTERNATIONAL EIGHT HOURS
DAY PROPOSAL.

Geneva, April 12th.

The governing body of the International Labour Office has discussed the difficulties of securing ratification of the eight hours day convention, notably by Britain, France, and Germany, and has appointed a committee of nine members to enquire into the best means of securing ratification of the present proposal at the next session. The Council has also decided that the next International Labour Conference shall be held in October, 1933, and last only a week. Only one question will be on the agenda. The conference of 1934 will be held in June.

HOME BUILDING TRADE
TROUBLE.

London, April 12th.

The negotiations between employers and workers in the building trade have broken down, and the lockout notices will take effect on Saturday.

LATEST CABLES.

SOVIET CONCESSION.
AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON BAY
CO. RATIFIED.

Moscow, April 12th.

A semi-official message states that the Soviet Council has ratified the concessionary agreement, granted the British Hudson Bay Company, for trading operations in Kamchatka.

NEW DIABETES REMEDY.
INSULIN NOW ON THE BRITISH
MARKET.

London, April 12th.

As the result of the recent speeding up of the production of insulin, the remedy for diabetes, it is anticipated that before long it will be generally obtainable all over the world. Insulin has just appeared on the British market. The price is 2s. 6d. a dose.

NEW AIR SERVICE.

MAILS FROM BERLIN TO
TEHRAN.

Tehran, April 12th.

An aeroplane bringing mails has arrived from Moscow. It is rumoured that this is the forerunner of a weekly postal and passenger service between Berlin and Tehran, via Moscow.

ANGLO-COLUMBIAN WIRE-
LESS SERVICE.

London, April 12th.

Felicitous official messages were exchanged yesterday, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Anglo-Columbian wireless service through station at Bogota.

EARLIER CABLES.
SCENES IN PARLIAMENT.
BRITISH PRESS CASTIGATES
BOTH SIDES.

London, April 12th.

The scenes in the House of Commons yesterday evening furnish the occasion for the newspapers to lecture both the Ministerialists and the Labourites on the unreasonableness of the proceedings. The Government is arraigned for the incompetence of its Whips, and its supporters for their slackness and indifference. The latter is attributed by advocates of a Conservative reunion to the second-rate character of the Government. They dwell on the excessive burden thereby imposed on Mr. Bonar Law, and urge the necessity for the inclusion in the Ministry of some outstanding figure like Mr. Austen Chamberlain. The Labourites are universally warned that they have marred their triumph of the previous day by yesterday evening's disturbance, which it is believed is partly due to rivalry between the Labourites and Liberals for the glory of inflicting defeat. The need for unity and discipline is impressed on them if they wish to drive home any anti-Government success. It is noteworthy that one result of this disorder was to postpone indefinitely the debate on the Government's proposals to improve the agricultural industry, which was fixed for yesterday evening and was expected to be one of the outstanding issues of the session.

SPLIT BETWEEN OPPOSITION
PARTIES.

London, April 12th.

In the House of Commons, owing to the dissatisfaction expressed in the adverse vote on Tuesday, the Rt. Hon. S. Baldwin announced, amid Opposition cheers, that it had been decided to extend the powers of the committee appointed before Easter to enable it immediately to consider and report upon the question of initial salaries of ex-Servicemen in the Civil Service. The committee will have a non-partisan chairman, and will include nine Commons, two women. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressed his satisfaction and regretted that the announcement had not been made yesterday.

Piquancy was lent to the House of Commons debate by the fact that the Liberals and Labourites are at loggerheads on the question of precedence in resuming the discussion, which explained the Ministerial cheers that greeted the Liberal Mr. Duncan Miller, when he moved the appointment of a select committee to enquire into salary conditions of ex-Servicemen in the Civil Service. Mr. Miller repudiated the suggestion that any party monopolised the interest of the subject.

Mr. G. W. S. Jarrett, the National Liberal, seconded the motion, and aroused Labour protests and Liberal and Conservative counter-attacks by a remark that certain post-war protagonists of Servicemen were attempting to make it a party question.

Mr. Asquith, following Mr. Baldwin's announcement, laid stress on the unanimity of opinion on the subject, and appealed to Mr. Miller to withdraw his motion, which Mr. Miller did after a little breeze, due to the Labourite, Mr. Middleton, congratulating the Government on accepting the Labour request.

London, April 12th.

In the House of Commons, the Government's majority to-night was normal. The discussion on the Estimates was cleared by 242 votes to 155. The House continued until after midnight quietly discussing minor estimates.

HOME HOUSING BILL.
FAILURE TO MEET MIDDLE-CLASS
GRIEVANCES.

London, April 12th.

The Housing Bill is adversely criticised for ignoring the middle classes, and for not dealing with slums. It is pointed out that the main proposal, for six pounds subsidy, is confined to non-parlour houses, thus merely benefiting the unskilled labourer. Other provisions are regarded as excellent, but the failure to meet the middle class grievances, which has proved fatal to the Government in a number of by-elections, is likely to provoke strong opposition.

London, April 12th.

The Government's Housing Bill empowers the Ministry of Health to contribute not more than six pounds sterling annually, for twenty years, for each one or two storied house or flat provided by local authorities, also to contribute towards the cost of rehoming schemes by local authorities up to half the annual loss on such schemes. The measure is retrospective for fifteen months. The local authorities are empowered to assist private building enterprise where houses are erected of a type specified in the Act, by a lump sum refund of rates or payment of a building society's charges, the grant being conditional on the occupation of the building for five years as a private dwellinghouse. In the event of a conversion of houses into flats, the increased rates thereby incurred may be remitted. The value of the house in respect of which assistance is given must not exceed fifteen hundred pounds sterling. The local authorities are empowered to acquire land for building. The Bill also applies to Scotland.

NAVAL ARMAMENT.

GUN TURRETS ON AMERICAN
WARSHIPS.

Washington, April 12th.

The Acting Naval Secretary, Mr. Roosevelt, discussed with President Harding the problem of erecting gun turrets on American warships. Mr. Roosevelt said no conclusions had been reached, but he expected later to examine the matter more fully with President Harding and Mr. Hughes.

THE NEAR EAST.

U.S. PRESS COMMENT ON
CHESTER CONCESSION.

New York, April 12th.

The newspapers are fearful that the Chester concession may eventually involve the United States in Near Eastern politics.

The New York Times believes that with the Mosul oilfields the subject of the Anglo-Turkish dispute, the Turks have probably reasoned that the Chester concession will incline the United States to take their side.

The New York World asserts that the concession may be good business, but is certainly shrewd diplomacy. Turkey caught between Anglo-French pressure, has drawn another Power into Near Eastern politics.

A Washington message says the Government has so far not negotiated in the matter, but any conflicting claims arising out of British and French interests can be adjusted by an international tribunal. Officials believe the concession, as first proposed to come within the American "open door" policy and unless modified, since it could be supported diplomatically. It is also pointed out that the statement that British oil interests at Mosul is secured by the Anglo-Turkish mandate from any possible conflict with the Chester concession is admittedly unconvincing, as Class "A" mandates have not yet been made finally effective.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

QUESTION OF TRANSPORT IN
OCCUPIED ZONE.

London, April 12th.

The German attitude in connection with the transit of British goods in occupied Germany, mentioned by Sir Lloyd Greaves in the House of Commons on Tuesday, is illuminated by a letter from Cologne correspondent explaining that Germany at first offered to waive the license on British goods, provided France did the same, but Germany's powers over the license were compulsorily abolished in January. The second so-called concession relates to instructions to Customs officials not to levy dues on goods which have already paid duty to the French. This is practically useless, owing to the non-withdrawal of the instruction to workmen to refuse to handle goods of Allied licensees. The Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany has requested Berlin to give explicit permission to the scope of the German offers. In the meantime efforts are being made to establish a precedent by persuading shippers on recent order permits to transport purely British goods, and thereby set the ball rolling.

SOVIET ATROCITIES.

BRITISH DELEGATION MAY BE
WITHDRAWN.

London, April 12th.

Reuter understands that the Government is considering the whole position of the British trade delegation to Moscow. Competent authorities are of opinion that quite apart from the Bukhara and Chirchik cases, technical grounds alone would justify the withdrawal of the delegation. The attitude of the Soviet Government has lately been particularly unfriendly, as instanced by Chicherin's insolent reply to British representations on behalf of Bukhara, and the recent fresh seizure of a British trawler outside the three-mile limit, forming an additional ground of complaint.

London, April 12th.

Religious leaders in Britain, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, have issued a protest against the trial of ecclesiastics in Russia as a climax to the Soviet's long and ruthless warfare on all forms of religious belief, appealing for help to maintain religious liberty for the people of Russia.

SOUTH AMERICAN NAVIES.

CONSIDERATION BY PAN-
AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Santiago de Chile, April 12th.

With the presentation of the Chilean Report to the Armament Committee it is considered that agreement on limitation of armaments is impossible during the present session of the Pan-American Conference. Chile has been confronted with Brazil's determination to continue her armament programme until her needs are provided, and Argentina's refusal to consider this a basis of agreement. The opinion is generally expressed that Argentina will closely follow Brazil in her effort to strengthen her Navy. The Chilean Report proposes that each nation consider the formula which it deems most discreet and most opportune for reducing armament expenditure.

IRISH ARRESTS.

PROMINENT WOMEN AGITATORS
CAPTURED.

London, April 12th.

Miss Mary McSwiney, Countess Markievicz, Countess Plunkett, Lavinia Lynch's brother and others are reported to have been arrested whilst en route to Liam Lynch's funeral at Clonsilla. Lynch was released but all the others were removed to the local Military Headquarters.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE.

COST OF SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL'S
POLICY.

Sydney, April 12th.

As a result of the city council's adoption of a policy of absolute Empire Preference, the electricity committee has recommended the rejection of a Japanese tender of 2,887 to supply 2,600 disc strain insulators, in favour of a Canadian tender of 21,502.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.]

CHINA'S OPIUM TRAFFIC.

ACTION BY CHINESE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE.

London, April 12th.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu (Chinese Charge d'Affaires) in a letter to the Times says that he has wired to Peking regarding the report that Sir Francis Aglen has suggested that China will consider legalising domestic growth and traffic in opium. He states that he has received a reply showing that the proposal was never formally placed before the Chinese Government, and asserts that the various Chambers of Commerce in China have taken steps jointly to insist on immediate action in the direction of the disbandment of troops, which is a direct advance towards the suppression of poppy cultivation. Mr. Chao Hsin Chu adds that arrangements are being made to initiate another campaign, along the same lines as that of 1917, against the sporadic opium revival.

WU PEI FU'S MILITARY
OPERATIONS.TO "BRING ABOUT THE UNIFICATION
OF CHINA."

Peking, April 12th.

Details to hand from Szechuan, show that General Hsi Ching Yang's forces have divided, part joining General Yang Sen, and part going over to General Tan Mou Hsin.

After the fighting near Chungking on April 4th, and an engagement within the city walls on the 5th, Tan Mou Hsin retreated towards Hoehow.

Yang Sen has now restored order in Chungking, and has started in pursuit of Tan Mou Hsin.

General Tang Shih Hao issued a proclamation on March 27th, stating that he was advancing towards Chengtu, under General Wu Pei Fu's orders, with the object of suppressing the brigands, and bringing about the unification of China, in accordance with the desires of the Powers, as expressed at the Washington Conference.

Heavy fighting began on March 28th, and on the 30th the arsenal at Chengtu was blown up. Tang Shih Hao claims to have inflicted 20,000 casualties on his enemies. On March 30th General Liu Chen Hsun issued a proclamation stating that, owing to lack of supplies and ammunition he could not fight any longer, and was willing to give up the posts of Commander-in-Chief and Civil Governor.

CHINA'S NAVY.

DEMANDS AUTONOMY FOR
FUKIEN.

Peking, April 12th.

Admiral Tu Hsi Kwei, the Commander of the Navy, has resigned owing to the attitude of the fleet in demanding provincial autonomy for Fukien. The action of the Navy at Shanghai has spread to other ports.

The Ministry of the Navy has issued a chaban against Liu Chien Chang, whom the navy at Shanghai elected Commander-in-Chief. The Military Commissioner at Shanghai has been ordered to investigate the charges against Liu Chien Chang.

(Continued on next column.)

GERMANY'S INCREASED
INDEBTEDNESS.

Berlin, April 12th.

Germany's floating debt in discounted Treasury Bills at the end of March was 6,600 milliard marks, showing an increase of eight hundred milliards during the last ten days of March.

AMERICAN RAILWAY
AMALGAMATION.

Columbus (Ohio), April 12th.

The Vandergrift Company has completed the consolidation of five railroads under the name of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad.

FURTHER TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Lahore, April 12th.

Localized street fighting re-started in Amritsar, but the police and troops dispersed the opposing parties.

PACIFIC LEAGUE OF NATIONS
PROPOSED.

Managua, April 12th.

In a speech, the Prime Minister, Mr. Bruce, urged the formation of a League of Nations of the Pacific, for mutual protection.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, April 12th.

In the First Division, Bolton kept to Tottenham by a goal to all, whilst Sheffield United beat Sunderland by 5 goals to 2.

TRADE MARK REGULATIONS AND
POSTAL AGREEMENT.

Peking, April 12th.

The House of Representatives agreed to-day on the Bills dealing with the Covenant of the League of Nations trade mark regulations, and the international postal agreement.

PHILIPPINE BANDITS.

INVADE TOWN IN TAYABAS
PROVINCE.

Manila, April 12th.

An official telegram says that thirty armed bandits have invaded the town of Mulanay, in the province of Tayabas. The Provincial Governor, with a constabulary troop, is hurrying to the scene, and neighbouring towns have been asked to aid in the suppression of the outlaws.

CHINA'S DEBTS.

"THE CHINESE MICAWBER."

London, April 12th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir W. De Frece with regard to China's debts, Mr. Ronald McNeill said that according to information in his possession, the Chinese Government was refusing to pay bonds of ex-enemy issues held by ex-enemy nationals at the time of China's declaration of war, irrespective of their present ownership of such bonds.

The present financial position of the China railways was very obscure. As far as his information went, none of the railways was now paying its way.

Replying to a message from its Peking correspondent regarding a request by Dr. Wellington Koo, as acting chief of the Foreign Office, to the Diplomatic Body, to release £250,000 out of the Customs surplus for payment of arrears and expenses due to their Chinese colleagues abroad, and the reply of the acting Inspector of Customs that there is at present no surplus available for the purpose, the Times in a leader headed "The Chinese Micawber" points out that the Customs surplus is liable for the whole amount due to holders of internal loans.

The Peking Government now desires to deprive their domestic creditors of this security to the extent named, and appropriate the money for other purposes. The struggle is primarily between the Government and their Chinese creditors, and its consequences to foreigners are only indirect, although they might well prove to be very serious. Any tampering with the security for even a portion of the total of 340 million dollars of domestic loans would almost certainly create a panic, which would react on foreign trade, but the bondholders can rely on the Inspector-General to see that the surplus goes to the service of domestic loans. The Chinese Government could legally divert him of the administration of the internal loans, but it is not thought likely that they would venture upon a step which would bring down many native banks and add fresh complications to the subsisting chaos in finance. Some holders of the internal debt are merely gamblers, who do not deserve much consideration, but China is in dire need of foreign assistance if she is to stave off bankruptcy, and she will not improve her credit abroad by trying to deprive even gamblers of the security on which they have advanced money.

BOXER INDEMNITY ALLOCATION.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

London, April 12th.

Mr. W. Clazewell, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, has sent a letter to Lord Curzon on behalf of the Chamber making suggestions with regard to the use of the Boxer Indemnity funds, including the education of Chinese in British schools and colleges in China and the establishment of a technical college in North China, mainly with a view to developing the existing native industries, such as cotton-textile, agriculture, etc., so that the Chinese may be helped to produce and sell the products of China to the best advantage. A few Chinese should be invited to England for post-graduate courses, but candidates should be very carefully chosen, and the selection be strictly limited. The letter also suggests that there be assistance and encouragement of British medical work in China, and the establishment of Chairs of Chinese at the Universities of England or assistance for those already established which need help. Professors of Chinese in England might give public lectures on Chinese life and customs. Students who have qualified in applied arts and manufactures in England or China should be enabled to study on the spot the conditions and requirements of the other side, therefore properly qualified youths of British birth might with advantage to British commerce be awarded a scholarship for travel within China.

EASTERN CADETSHIPS.

EX-SERVICE MEN IN THE
FAR EAST.

London, April 12th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Fiederick Hall, the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore confirmed the statement that in connection with the examinations for Eastern Cadetships that no exception to the candidates' usual age limits would be allowed on account of service with the Forces, although this was the accepted practice in connection with Civil Service examinations. He added that between 1919 and 1921 arrangements had been made for recruiting a number of ex-Servicemen for the Far East with a very considerable range in age above the normal limit, but the appointment of many such Cadets had proved a source of embarrassment both to the interests of the individuals themselves and the public service. It was therefore considered desirable to revert to the usual age limits, when competition would be reintroduced. He expressed the opinion that comparison with the Home service was inapplicable.

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BOYCOTT OF THE OLYMPIAD.

APPEAL TO CHINESE
SPORTSMANSHIP.

Shanghai, April 12th.

In connection with the attempt to prevent Chinese athletes participating at the Olympiad owing to the anti-Japanese boycott movement, Dr. J. H. Gray, secretary of the local Olympiad committee, in an announcement emphasises that the games are non-political, and hence do not affect the attitude between China and Japan on political questions, and that therefore by withdrawing China would not be accomplishing the purpose of the boycott, and also that they are not Japanese games because they are being held at Osaka. By withdrawing China might seriously injure her place in international athletics, as other nations might retaliate by ignoring China in future contests, and accuse the Chinese of being bad sportsmen. Dr. Gray urges the Chinese to enter their best athletes and makes the games a genuine expression of the real spirit of the Chinese people.

TROOPS FOR FUKIEN.

Shanghai, April 12th.

It is reported that the battalions at Woosung are under orders to proceed to Fukien. It is also reported that Lu Yung Hsiang is moving his troops to the Kiangsi border. It is believed that the advance of Wu Pei Fu's adherents into Fukien from the North is bringing Lu Yung Hsiang into the field.

THE PEKING CABINET'S POSITION.

Peking, April 12th.

In spite of yesterday's vote in the Senate, Government circles are optimistic as regards retention of office. They state that if the House of Representatives endorses the Senate's action, the Cabinet must resign; but the opinion is held that they have enough supporters to prevent such a vote passing.

It requires 293 members to form a quorum, and they claim that if the worst comes the withdrawal of their supporters from the House would prevent a quorum, as happened yesterday.

YANG SEN'S APPOINTMENT.

Peking, April 12th.

The Cabinet, to-day, are expected to discuss the appointment of Yang Sen as Tui of Szechuan.

ATTITUDE OF THE NAVY.

Peking, April 12th.

It is understood that the Government have despatched Rear-Admiral Cheng to Shanghai to investigate the attitude of the navy at Shanghai, who are reported to have issued a manifesto denouncing Sun Chien Fang and upholding Liu Kuan Hsiang.

THE PAY OF THE PEKING
GENDARMERIE.HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS FOR
FUNDS.

Peking, April 12th.

Owing to lack of Government funds, various methods have been suggested for the payment of the Peking Gendarmerie.

The police themselves have suggested a house-to-house canvass in order to obtain their wages from the householders. The Chinese gentry are also offering to raise the funds on condition that they control the police, but the Government, in spite of their need for money, do not want to see control pass out of their hands.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISAAC RAMSEY.]

PARIS, March 13th.
One of the most interesting collections of
any season is always that of Chanel, as this
designer, with Jean Patou, Molyneux and a
few others, represents all that is new and
progressive and anti-traditional in the world
of dress in Paris. Although these houses are of
comparatively recent date in the field of
fashion, they represent the artistic ideals of
the new public which has sprung up since
the war, so that their work is just as much
law, and in some cases more so, as that of
the old-established designers whose names
have been household words the world over for
the last couple of generations.

The great advantage these new designers
have over their older rivals is that their
creations always make for youth, no matter
what the age of the wearer; young, smart,
chic, sporting, fresh are the adjective tags
suited to describe nearly all that they design,
and it is no wonder that women who prefer
to wear clothes of one or other of these types
flock to these young designers in preference
to the older traditionalists who will make
them beautiful clothes, it is true, but clothes
that will supply more easily the needs of
those desiring graceful, stately or majestic
looking creations.

Chanel, this Spring, is showing much
shorter skirts than last season, and a waist
that is appreciably higher. She is also
favouring—like most other designers—
tight-fitting sleeves, but tight-fitting sleeves
that are far more often short than long.
All her clothes have a smart, sporting look
about them. One of her novelties is a
blouse made of embroidered jersey in a
blouse made of embroidered jersey in a
knitted chemise in a golden shade. Her
big coats, cut and embroidered in imi-
tation of Magyar styles, are also attractive;
likewise the creations which are em-
brodered with weird looking geometrical
designs like the coloured hexagons and
so forth which one sees in any Kinder-
garten book; this embroidery looks as
though the entire collection had been trans-
ferred by means of the embroiderer's machine
to the width of material in question.

Chanel is showing a number of muslin
frocks, made with three dounces up the skirt,
the dounces being finely pleated. There are
also a dainty collection of little casaquin
blouses, fashioned of navy blue embroidered
in sand-coloured and old strawberry silks,
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The great novelty of Jenny's Spring collection
is the short tailored coats with a lining
which is loose at the hem, of this coat, re-
aches down ten inches or so below it, and
is caught round the waist with a deep
band. The lining, in this case, is in an ex-
tra fine quality crepe de Chine, crepe
Marquise or similar materials which do not
show an enormous amount of difference be-
tween the right and the wrong side, so
that they may serve the double purpose of
lining the coat and yet acting as a
blouse once having reached below the
hem of the coat. There are also a
number of capes of every description in this
collection, many short frocks, many effects
of darts carried out down one side of the
skirt instead of both sides, many examples
of printed materials, and many afternoon
frocks carried out in lace.

For the evening, there are gowns in crepe
satin, lace and beaded materials. A novel
idea is that of twelve bracelets in coloured
galalith worn at intervals right up the
arm. These are of different colours, or else
of one colour mixed with alternate black
bracelets to match the colour of the frock.

Trimming is carried out in various ways,
amongst the more original being that of
silk braid in Paisley shades; plaits are also
used a great deal, likewise handkerchiefs
in the form of a fichu round the neck, the
shoulders and the hips. The smartest effects
are obtained by making use of handker-
chiefs in bright blue, red and green shades,
and showing them up against dresses in navy
blue serge.

Jeanne Lanvin, that arch-priestess of
freshness and youth, is using a great deal of
cream kasha cloth in the coat and skirt
section of her Spring collection. The coats
show a coloured border, as a rule, and
the skirts are plain and straight
and inclined to be longer than they are at
other houses this season. With these
costumes are worn bright-looking blouses
in printed materials or plain ones in gay
shades. Likewise, the linings of the coats
are of bright-coloured plain silks or else
of delightful Paisley patterned materials.
Jeanne Lanvin introduces the youthful
note for which she is so famed in her
clothes by means of flowing ribbons,
which perch in the form of a cheeky-
looking bow and flowing ends on the
shoulder, as a finish to dainty organdie
cuffs and collar, or, also from the
back of a hat which seems to have
condensed the whole of Spring within the
compass of its flower-decked brim. As well
as these, there are other bows, but huge
ones, this time, which are tied with a care-
less grace and set as a finish among
flounces, draperies and frills, sometimes at
the side, sometimes at the back. Another
idea carried out in ribbon is that of rosettes
and flat motifs of all descriptions fashioned of
ribbon, that has been pleated, gathered,
twisted and turned in every way possible
to the dressmaker. Embroidered pockets
as a trimming to tailored suits, coats and
afternoon frocks is another delightful idea.

The picture dresses which Lanvin always
specialises in more than in any other type of
frock are to be seen in all their glory
in this display prepared for Spring. Mus-
lin, organdie and tulle are among the
materials most in evidence, and these are
made up into the daintiest possible
creations and their old-world note ac-
centuated by the addition of frills, dounces
and furled bows of every description.
These styles are essentially reminiscent
of 1830 days, when little hood-less slip-
pers and side curls went with them;
but there was a dress dating from
1860 in this collection showing an umbrella
(Continued at foot of next column.)

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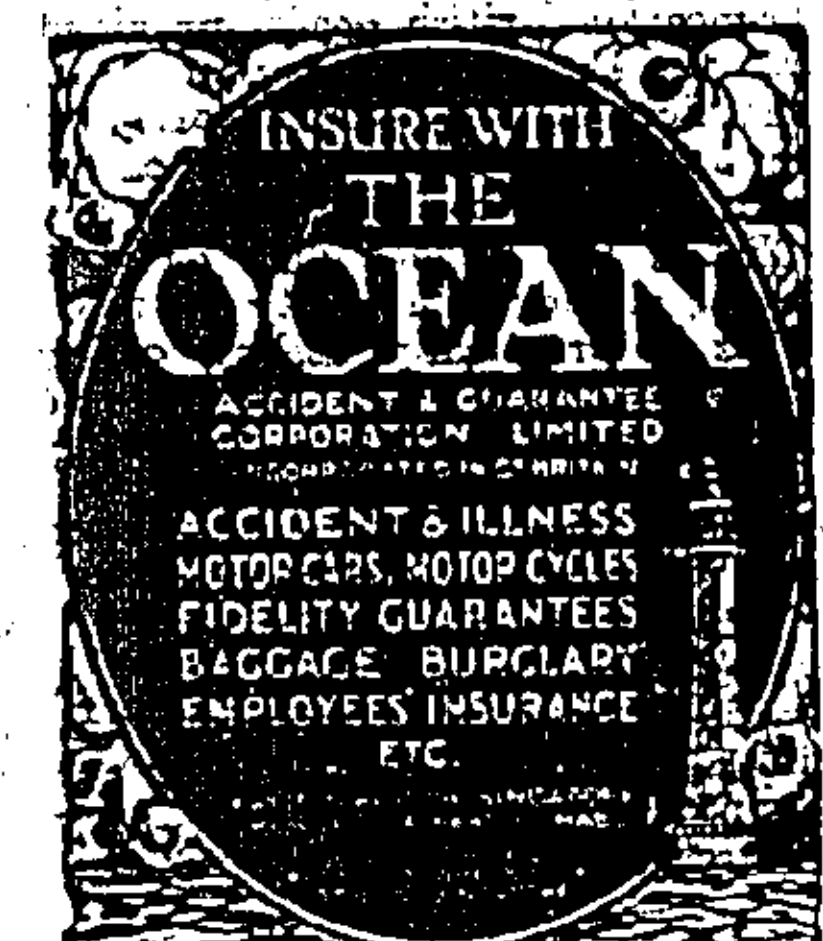
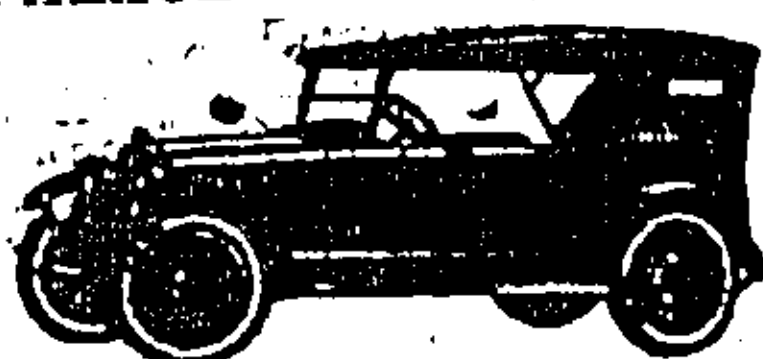
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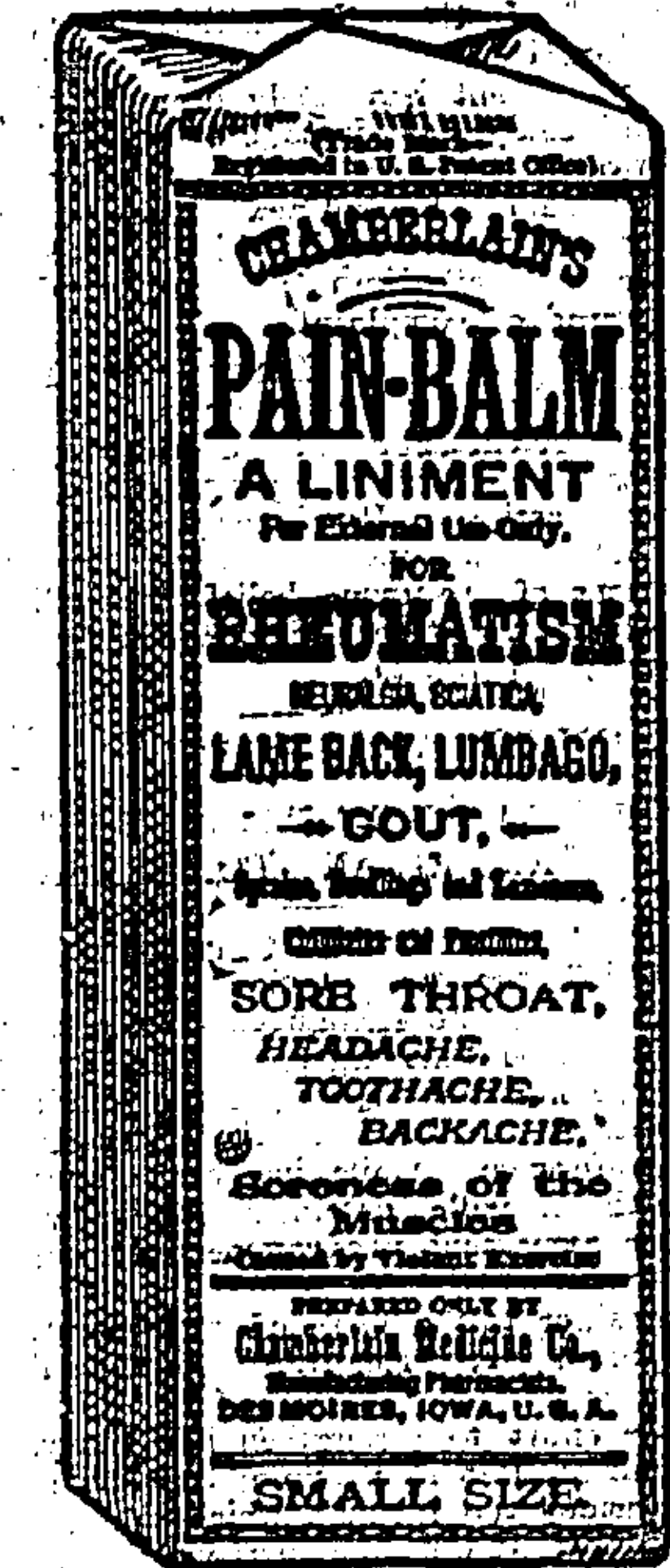
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skirt in black tulle, a full-bosomed bodice
caught into the waist, with one button, and
a hat set jauntily on the head trimmed
with two drooping ostrich plumes. Other
models showed bunched up falling at the
back which looked dangerously like the
bustle of this period, but nothing has
developed since to warrant any undue
alarm caused by evidence of its be-
coming universally adopted. A sign of
the times, however, was seen in the num-
ber of small hats and the number of even
smaller hats with drooping brims tipped
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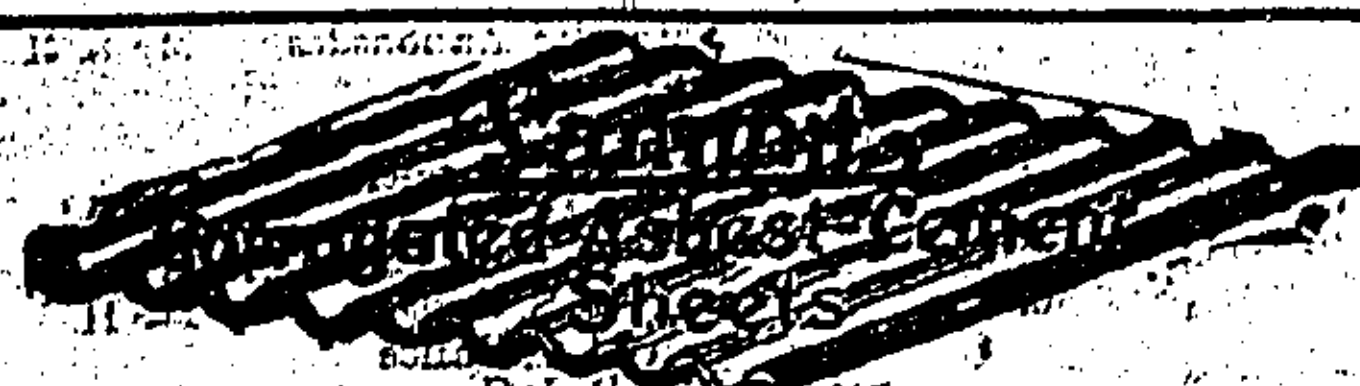
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In the House of Lords, Lord Strathclype asked the Government to take immediate steps to consult the Dominions, with the object of bringing forward definite proposals for the consolidation of the Empire. He urged that there should be Dominion representatives in the British Parliament and that the High Commissioners should have seats in the House of Lords, and be invited to be present at Cabinet meetings dealing with foreign policy, while instead of Colonial Conferences every few years there should be a daily consultation. The Empire was very rapidly breaking up and he feared that the Dominions would become another Ireland, unless something was done.

The Duke of Devonshire, in reply, associated himself with the tribute paid to the war services of the Dominion troops. He reminded Lord Strathclype that the Premier was Canadian-born and there were strong representatives in the present Government of those who had participated in the affairs of the Dominions. He hoped that the date of the Imperial Economic Conference would be announced in a very few days.

The Government was considering most far-reaching proposals by which trade conditions in Great Britain would be materially improved and the natural resources of the Colonies and Dominions greatly developed. He was not sure that constitutional reforms of the kind suggested would be the most efficacious manner of achieving the object, which all desired, of bringing the Empire close together, and before taking any such steps, we should at any rate have the views of the Dominions themselves. It would be the earnest duty, not only of the Home Government, but of all those responsible for the conduct and business of the Dominions, to devise, if possible, still further means by which the imperial ties might be drawn closer. He hoped in a relatively few months that we would have the pleasure of welcoming the representatives of the Dominions, when a large and comprehensive programme would be placed before them.

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ATLANTIC RIVALRY.

BRITISH LINES PRE-EMINENT IN 1922.

During 1922 the number of passengers disembarked at New York from European ports was 463,367, of whom 31,595 were first class, 158,028 second class, and 222,744 third class. It is gratifying to note, says *The Times* and *Shipping*, that the two leading British lines engaged in the trade carried over 30 per cent. of the total. The exact figures are: Cunard Line, 71,052; White Star Line, 67,073. The former line ran services from Southampton, Liverpool, London, Hamburg, and the Mediterranean; and the latter from Southampton, Liverpool, Bremen, and the Mediterranean. The five Italian lines engaged carried to New York 291,333 cabin passengers, 12,834 first class and no fewer than 33,802 third class and steerage.

UNITED STATES LINES.
An interesting feature of the Atlantic ferry records of 1922 the part played by the United States Lines, whose vessels are owned by the American Government. The grand total for the fleets of these lines was 37,000 passengers and 98 trips. Another American concern, the United American Lines, made 40 voyages from Hamburg, and transported 22,983 passengers. The Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd made good progress during the year, the former making 23 trips from Hamburg with 10,803 passengers, and the latter 24 from Bremen with 10,736 passengers. This is a small beginning, but everything points to a greatly increased business during 1923. It is interesting to note that the new entrant into the North Atlantic passenger trade—the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company—did very well. Thirty voyages were made from Hamburg, Southampton, and Cherbourg, and 11,235 passengers were carried. Competition during 1923 promises to be keener than ever, but we do not see why the Cunard and White Star Lines should not maintain their gratifying position of pre-eminence in the North Atlantic passenger trade.

BRITISH DYES.

GROWTH IN RESEARCH WORK AND OUTPUT.

Remarkable figures were quoted by Dr. Levinstein at the annual general meeting of the Association of Technical Industries in the Carpenters' Hall, London, showing the close parallelism between the increase in the number of students of chemistry and the commercial output of dyestuffs. Dr. Levinstein was able to show that for every ton of fine chemicals made in England in 1913, two and a half tons were made to-day, and whereas in 1913 there were 179 post-graduate and research students working in 17 Universities, the number had grown in 1921 to 341. Large openings now existed for trained chemists, and there was no work half so fascinating as research if you were fitted for it. The man who had a love of research had an opportunity of earning a living in a most interesting way. Before the war it had been difficult to live by research. As an illustration he pointed out that the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research now employed 78 chemists at salaries ranging between £250 and £3,000, the majority being between £250 and £700.

Speaking of the dye industry in general, Dr. Levinstein insisted that a continuous supply of dyestuffs was so important for British trade that we could not afford to rely upon other countries for it. Were Great Britain not able to self-supporting in the dye industry the situation in the Ruhr would, from the dye standpoint, be one causing acute anxiety. In fact, however, any restrictions in the output of German dyes was a matter of no political importance, whereas had Britain not established that industry to the extent which it had done, the possible effect of French action on German chemical industry would have been a factor of first-class political importance.

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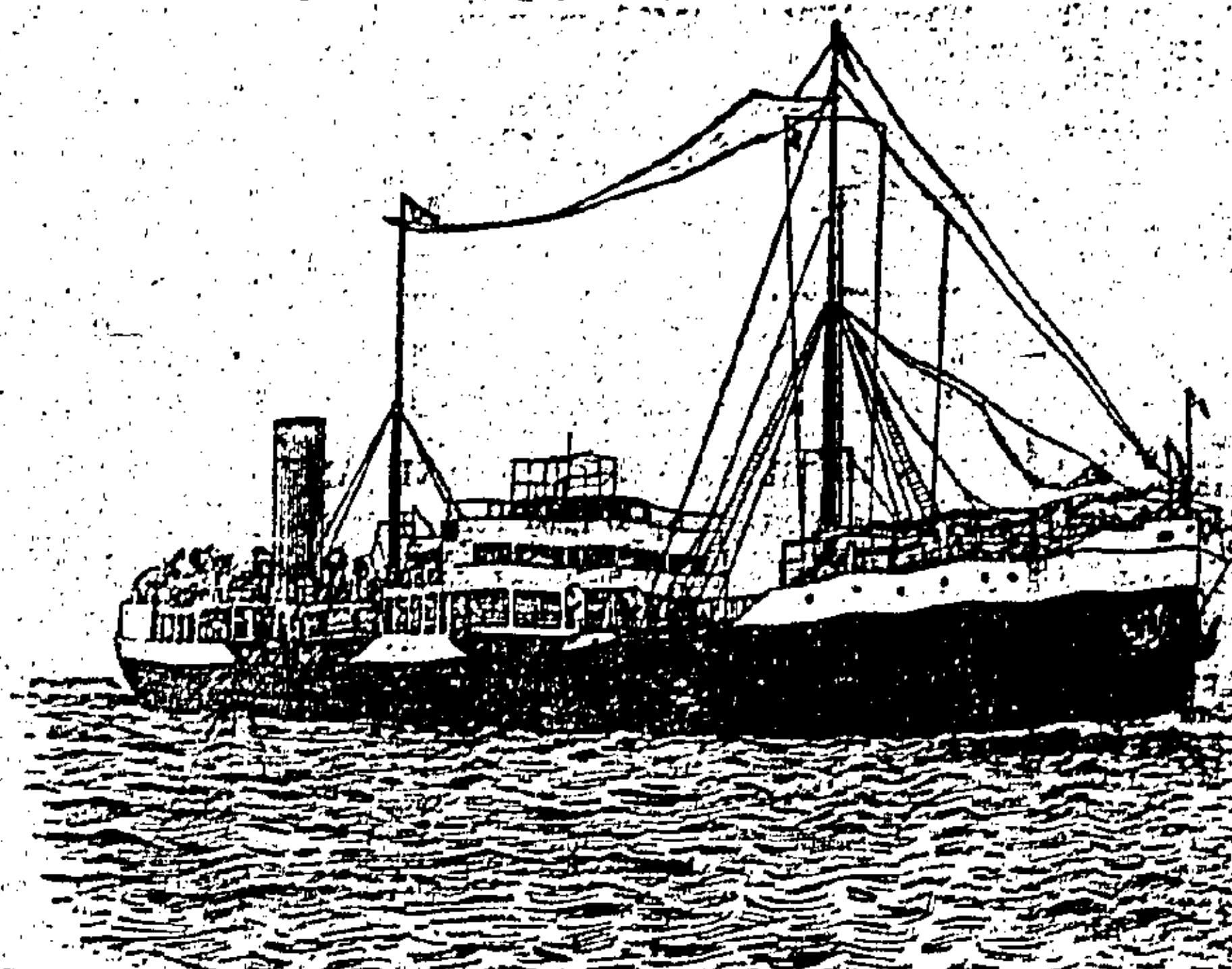
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

April 13th.

England Maru, Japanese str., 4,283 tons, Capt. K. Abe, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Kiunseon Maru, Japanese str., 1,943 tons, Capt. K. Masuda, from Saigon, with rice.—Suzuki & Co.

Yutshing, British str., 1,434 tons, Capt. N. W. van Courtlandt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

April 13th.

Glendaloch, British str., 1,434 tons, Capt. J. McKellar, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Song Soon Hong.

Hosai Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

Kwongke, Chinese str., from Canton.

Hin Sang, British str., 1,893 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelm, from Soudak, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,226 tons, Capt. F. A. Lovegrove, from Tientsin, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Zushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,317 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Manila Maru, Japanese str., 6,089 tons, Capt. Somakawa, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Mentor, British str., 4,734 tons, Capt. D. Mansfield, from Liverpool and Singapore, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Pasat, Norwegian str., 774 tons, Capt. L. Danneberg, from Odessa, with a general cargo.—Kwang Mow Tai.

Prometheus, British str., from Canton.

Prosper, Norwegian str., from Canton.

Samarang Maru, Japanese str., 2,447 tons, Capt. K. Yasu, from Soudak, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Sunning, British str., from Canton.

Yangtze, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. W. K. Yung, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Yuen Cheong Lee.

CLEARANCES.

April 13th.

England Maru, for Keelung, Hainan, for Swatow.

Japan, for Singapore.

Kiunseon Maru, for Saigon.

Loing Sang, for Shanghai.

Mentor, for Canton.

Manila Maru, for Canton.

Pasat, for Canton.

Prosper, for Saigon.

Sunning, for Shanghai.

Tungshing, for Swatow.

Yuen Cheong, for Swatow.

Wilsden, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per B.I. s.s. *Yokohama*, on April 13th: Miss F. B. Andrews, Miss I. A. Rosenquist, Mr. C. R. Harter, Mr. A. D. Banker, Mr. M. H. Robin, Mrs. E. M. Cuthbert, Col. and Mrs. A. Coyne, Mrs. F. S. Vanierbilt, Miss C. S. Vanderzyl, Mr. A. O. Hopkins, Miss E. Curtis, Mr. R. T. Bell, Mr. E. P. R. R. Mr. A. L. Moffat, Mr. E. Burger, Mr. P. Callanier, Mr. W. Thompson, Mrs. E. Gubbay, and Miss B. Gubbay.

DEPARTURES.

Per Apac Line s.s. *Japan*, on April 13th: Miss E. Hanna, Miss Ida M. Franz, Miss Margaret Wood, Miss Ruth A. Taylor, Mrs. Model T. Allen, Mr. W. Ott, Mr. W. Woodstock, and Mr. N. Thomsen.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* left Kobe on April 12th, at 3 p.m., and was due at Yokohama yesterday, at noon.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wosung), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon, on Thursday, April 12th.

The s.s. *Automedon* (Blue Funnel) left Singapore at daylight, April 13th, for this port, and is due here on April 17th.

The s.s. *Troilus* (Blue Funnel) arrived at London on March 27th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Australian line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Nagasaki on April 11th, and is expected here on April 17th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due May 5th.

Amboise (M.M.), due April 24th.

Andre Lebon (M.M.), due to-day.

Cordillere (M.M.), due May 8th.

Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due May 10th.

Eurylochus (Blue Funnel), due April 13th.

Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 28th.

Motomoto Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 17th.

Myrmidon (Blue Funnel), due May 14th.

Ningchow (Blue Funnel), due April 21st.

Sicilia (P. & O.), due April 20th.

Norfolk Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 17th.

St. Albans (E. & A.), due to-day.

Taketoyo Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 17th.

Torilla (B.I. & Apac Line), due to-day.

Wakama Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 17th.

WARNING TO MARINERS.

A notice was issued at the Harbour Office yesterday morning, warning mariners that the timing of the Kapsing Island light has become erratic and liable to become fixed, though the light burns brightly.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 13th at 6.45—Warning to Hongkong Coast Ports: Depression of typhoon in Lat. 19° N. Long. 113° E. direction unknown, position uncertain.

April 13th at 6.45—Local signal No. 1 hoisted.

April 13th at 11.57—Pressure has increased considerably at Viti Levu, moderately at Shanghai and slightly at other reporting stations.

A depression or typhoon appears to have formed to the south of Hongkong early this morning. Its direction of motion is at present unknown.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 13th April, 1.13 inches. Total since January 1st, 6.73 inches, against an average of 8.07 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 14th April, is as follows:

District: Hongkong to Gap Rock. S.E. wind, strong, possibly increasing to a gale; overcast, rain.

Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as Hongkong and Lamock. No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as Hongkong and Hainan. No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 13th.

Barometer	29.74	29.82	29.83
Thermometer	73	85	85
Humidity	82	80	91
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	1	8	5
Weather	cl	cl	cl
Rain	3.68	0.00	1.32

Highest open-air temperature on 13th, 77° F.

Lowest open-air temperature on 13th, 65° F.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 14th to 20th, 1928.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water			Low Water		
		Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Sat.	14	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun.	15	8 49	5 7	2 40	1 9	8 49	5 7
Mon.	16	9 14	5 9	2 40	1 9	9 14	5 9
Tue.	17	9 28	5 9	2 40	1 9	9 28	5 9
Wed.	18	9 42	5 9	2 40	1 9	9 42	5 9
Thur.	19	9 56	5 9	2 40	1 9	9 56	5 9
Fri.	20	10 10	5 9	2 40	1 9	10 10	5 9

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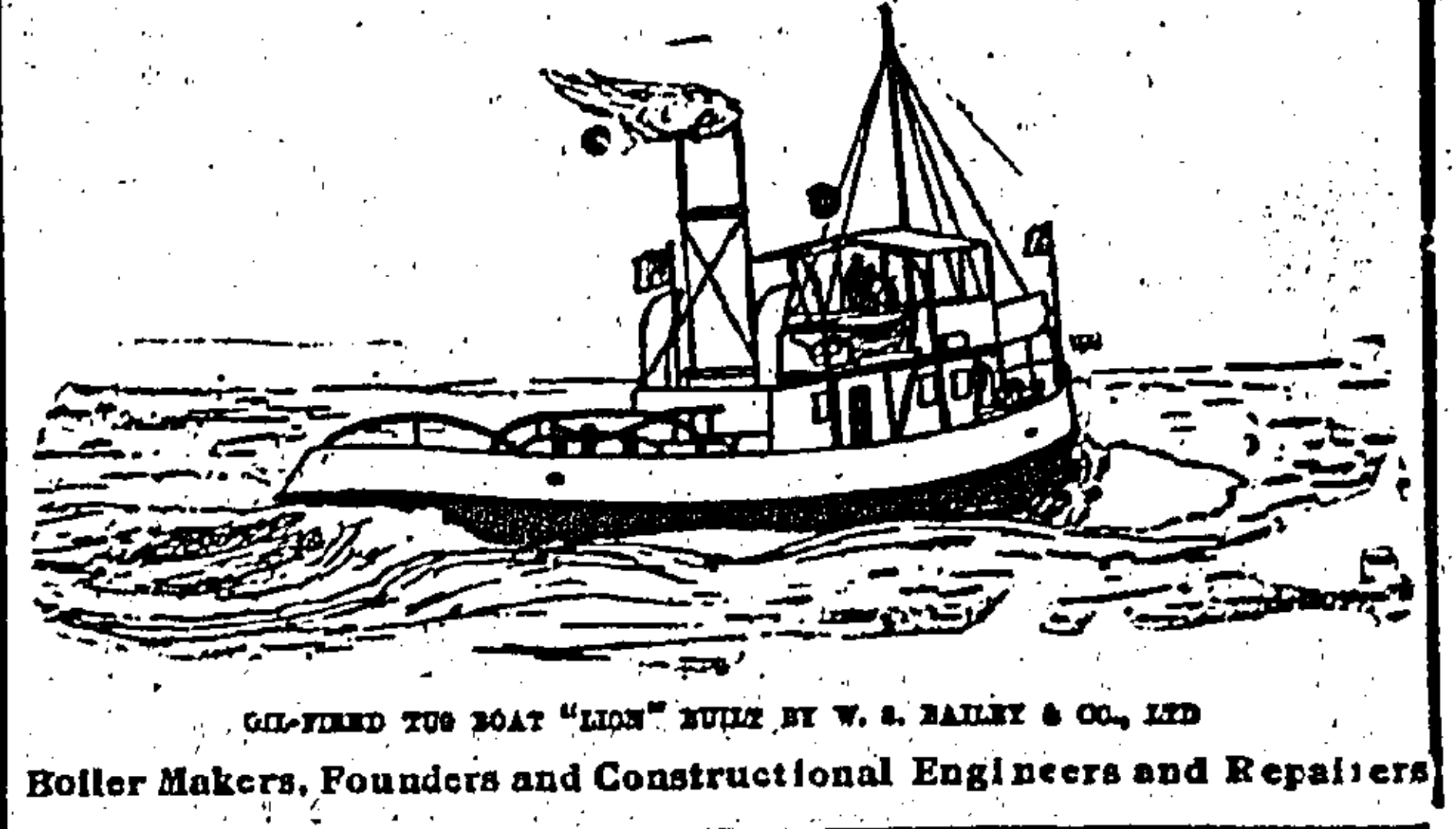
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NEW YORK & BOSTON	Eastern Prince	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 16th May
BOSTON & NEW YORK via SWITZ	Am.	Am.	Strathairn & Barry	On 15th April
SAN FRANCISCO	Elbridge	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 21st April
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, etc.	Kaga Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About 19th April
VICTORIA, SHANTON & VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, J. PORTS	Amelia Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st May
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, etc.	Tylarous	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Empress Australia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 24th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Nankin	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 18th April, 11 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Andre Lebon	Brit.	Messageeries Maritimes	On 17th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Armand Belin	Brit.	Messageeries Maritimes	On 30th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Paul Locat	Brit.	Messageeries Maritimes	On 25th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	City of Poona	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 20th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Agapenor	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Lycan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 11th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Amazon Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 20th April
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	St. St. Louis-Bis	Gen.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Soda Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th April, 3 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Laing	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 3rd May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Sicilia	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Van Cloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 28th April, 10 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Venezia	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Chinbua	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	About
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Taiwa Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 20th April, 2 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Hinang	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	St. Albans	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 5th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Wosung	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 16th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Haruna Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Paul Locat	Brit.	Messageeries Maritimes	On
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Nicilia	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Shantung	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 13th April, D.L.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Venezia	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Typhoon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	About 16th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Shantung Maru	Brit.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 6th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Chinbua	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Typhoon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	About 16th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Indo Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 12th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Chunyang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 21st April, 10 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Chunyang	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 17th April, Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Haiching	Brit.	Douglas Laprak & Co.	On 14th April, 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Haiching	Brit.	Douglas Laprak & Co.	On 20th April, 1 p.m.
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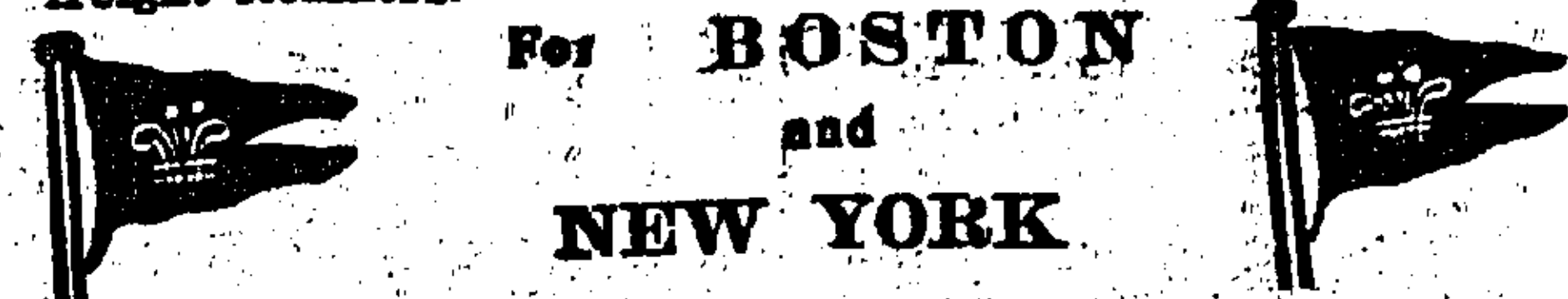
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